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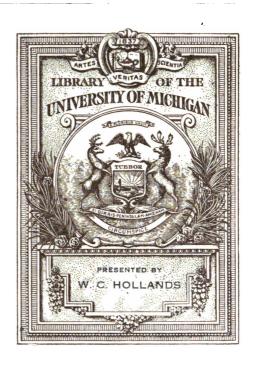
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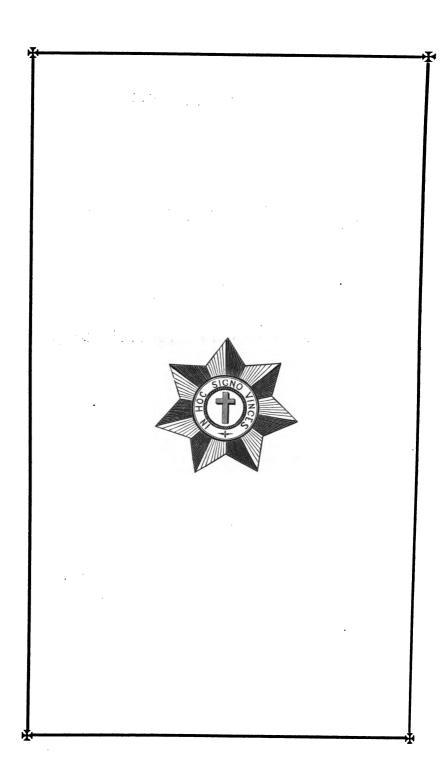
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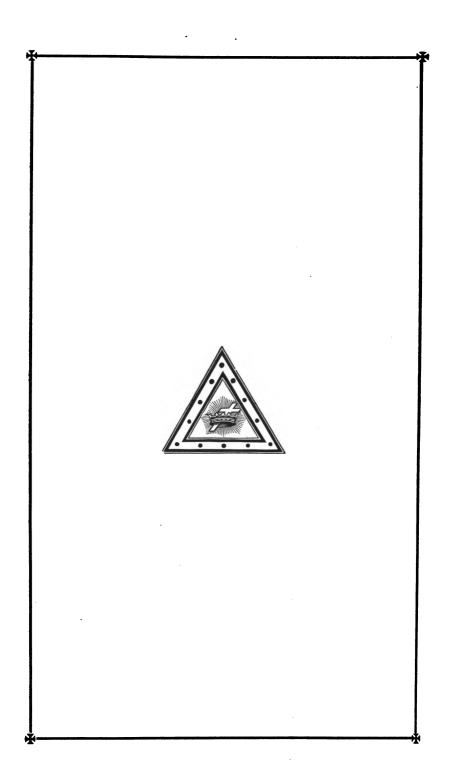
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## THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE

-OF THE-

# GRAND COMMANDERY

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF MICHIGAN.



HE Thirty-first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan was held at the Asylum of DeMolai Commandery, No. 5, in the city of Grand Rapids, commencing on Tuesday, May 10, A. D. 1887, A. O. 769, at 10 o'clock A. M.

#### GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

Sir WILLIAM S. LAWRENCE, Kalamazoo, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, Jackson, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir CHARLES P. BIGELOW, Big Rapids, E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir CHARLES T. HILLS, Muskegon, as E. Grand Captain General.

Sir and Rev. Francis A. Blades, Detroit, E. Grand Prelate.

Sir John A. Gerow, Marshall, E. Grand Senior Warden.

Sir WILLIAM G. DOTY, Ann Arbor, E. Grand Junior Warden.

Sir H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe, E. Grand Treasurer.

Sir WILLIAM P. INNES, P. G. C., Grand Rapids, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir EDWARD C. SMITH, Pontiac, E. Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater, E. Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir HENRY L. ANTHONY, Sturgis, E. Grand Warder.

Sir ALEXANDER McGregor, Detroit, E. Grand Sentinel.

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#### OPENING.

R. E. Grand Commander WILLIAM S. LAWRENCE, assisted by the Grand, Past Grand Officers, Representatives and visiting Sir Knights, proceeded to open the Grand Commandery in *Ample Form*.

#### PRAYER.

The Knights were led in solemn prayer by Sir Knight LUMAN R. ATWATER, Past Grand Commander, the Grand Prelate being temporarily absent, after which the R. E. Grand Commander declared the Grand Commandery of Michigan opened in *Ample Form* and ready for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.

#### DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

The Grand Recorder announced to the R. E. Grand Commander that Sir Hugh McCurdy, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of the United States, was in the ante room and desirous of visiting the Grand Commandery of Michigan as the representative of the Grand Master of Knights Templar of the United States.

The R. E. Grand Commander then directed the Grand Generalissimo to form an escort, under command of the Grand Captain General, to receive and escort the distinguished fratre to the asylum.

The Deputy Grand Commander, in due time, returned to the asylum, when he formally and fraternally introduced the Grand Generalissimo to the R. E. Grand Commander, who, in a most appropriate and Knightly manner, welcomed the representative of the Grand Master, and, in words most befitting the occasion, told of the pleasure it afforded the Knights of Michigan to do honor to Grand Master Roome and the Grand Encampment, through its able, affable, and courteous representative.

#### HIS RESPONSE.

Sir Knight McCurdy then responded to his welcome as follows:

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:

I bring you greeting from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, who bids me say to you that in the march of Knight Templarism this grand jurisdiction of Michigan keeps steady step and never Several of the Michigan Commanderies have won national straggles. renown. At the St. Louis Triennial Conclave, for example, Michigan comprised the eighth division on the never to be forgotten day of that long march. Many from other jurisdictions fell by the wayside, and all bore the galling burden of heat and fatigue; but not a Michigan Sir Knight surrendered, and when the final halt was ordered, under that blazing mid-day sun, the discovery was made that the heroic Michigan division had advanced from the eighth place to the extreme right of the line. Seven divisions had yielded to the overpowering heat. And who that has felt it can ever forget the unspeakable fiendishness of a St. Louis hot day? Michigan had not The circumstance was the talk of the city, and wherever a Michigan Sir Knight was met during the remaining hours of the conclave, he was looked upon in much the same light that we regard the six hundred who made the immortal charge at Balaklava. When that cruel and inexplicable order came for that assault, the Earl of Cardigan, who commanded the light brigade, tightened his belt and grimly said, "Here goes the last of the Cardigans." That was picturesque heroism. But, extravagance aside, I verily believe that it demanded a scarcely less heroic spirit to make that "charge" in St. Louis on that historic September day.

The glory which Michigan swords then and there won will not tarnish. It represents the kind of prowess which always thrills along the nerves and stirs the blood of men. Grim determination, enthusiastic courage, invincible endurance—these are words to which all who saw Michigan in that trial, can attach a special meaning. It gives me a patriotic thrill to be able to put on record these reminiscences, and in behalf of the Grand Master, in whose place I stand in obedience to official assignment, I congratulate the Sir Knights of Michigan on the gallant manner in which they honored their State and the Order, at that memorable conclave of 1886.

There is another episode to which I proudly refer as a part of that experience—the superb bearing of DeMolai Commandery, No. 5, of Grand Rapids, the only mounted body hailing from this jurisdiction. The attention which they compelled by their knightly appearance, and by the beautiful precision of their movements in presence of that vast throng at the St. Louis fair grounds, was in the highest degree flattering and certainly well earned. They gave color to a scene that was all brilliancy, and materially contributed to the interest and value of that day's animated demonstrations. Here in their homes, I may say their two-fold home, regarding them as private citi-

zens and as Knights Templar, it seems especially appropriate to recall and celebrate their part in the latest national rally of the hosts of the Cross.

We who have passed through the gates of ceremony, scarcely need a reminder of Templarism's sublime purpose. The Templar of the present who faithfully observes his obligation, is surely entitled to as exalted a niche in the history of man's noble deeds as that which the world accords to the crusaders of old days. It is with swelling pride that I declare to you my conviction that there is in our fast enlarging ranks a steady, manful, Christian purpose and desire to dignify Templary, to make it synonymous with practical chivalry, and that it shall not bend before the fiercest storm. This bustling second city of Michigan is appropriately one of our strong holds. I congratulate her on her Knights Templar. They are her representative, pushing citizens, the leaven of her splendid hospitality; and she is no doubt as proud of them as they are loyal to her.

Right Eminent Sir, I thank you for your warm words of welcome, and this courteous greeting to your thirty-first annual conclave, where you have met to legislate for the good of your Order. You have an Order in your keeping which challenges the admiration of Christendom, noble, magnanimous and chivalrous. Let the principles of our Order be acted out, and the world will be conquered, humanity, trumpet-tongued, will proclaim the excellencies of its plans, the utility of its triumphs.

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

On motion, the R. E. Grand Commander announced the following Sir Knights members of the special committee on credentials:

Sir William P. Innes, P. G. C. Sir Henry N. Botsford, E. C. Sir George W. Young, P. E. C.

The committee, after a brief session, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted, and recommitted for further correction, if same was found necessary by arrivals later in the session:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee on credentials would respectfully report the following officers of the Grand Commandery present and entitled to seats at the present conclave:

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN.

#### GRAND OFFICERS.

Sir WILLIAM S. LAWRENCE, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir CHARLES P. BIGELOW, E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir CHARLES T. HILLS, as E. Grand Captain General.

Sir and Rev. FRANCIS A. BLADES, E. Grand Prelate,

Sir John A. Gerow, Grand E. Senior Warden.

Sir WILLIAM G. DOTY, E. Grand Junior Warden.

Sir H. SHAW NOBLE, E. Grand Treasurer.

Sir WILLIAM P. INNES, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir EDWARD C. SMITH, E. Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, E. Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir HENRY L. ANTHONY, E. Grand Warder.

Sir ALEXANDER McGREGOR, E. Grand Sentinel.

#### PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Sir John Gilbert, P. G. C. Sir R. Allen Hall.

Sir Luman R. Atwater. Sir William P. Innes.

Sir Garra B. Noble. Sir Edward D. Benedict.

Sir Oliver L. Spaulding. Sir John L. Mitchell.

Sir Hugh McCurdy. Sir Samuel C. Randall.

Sir Frank Henderson. Sir William B. Wilson.

Sir George W. Chandler. Sir William F. King, P. D. G. C.

Sir Heman N. Moore. Sir Charles T. Hills, P. D. G. C.

Sir Lewis C. Starkey, P. D. G. C.

#### SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

DETROIT, No. 1-

Sir Walter G. Seely, Eminent Commander.

Sir Eugene Robinson, Captain General.

PONTIAC, No. 2-

Sir John A. Harris, Eminent Commander, and Representative of Commandery.

EUREKA, No. 3-

Sir George W. Mosher, Eminent Commander.

Sir Witter J. Baxter, Generalissimo.

#### ADRIAN, No. 4-

Sir John W. Finch, Eminent Commander, and proxy for Captain General.

Sir Seymour Howell, proxy for Generalissimo.

Sir William E. Jewett, P. E. C.

Sir William F. King, P. E. C.

#### DEMOLAI, No. 5-

Sir Samuel E. Watson, Eminent Commander.

Sir Richard D. Swartout, Generalissimo.

Sir Joseph C. Herkner, Captain General.

Sir George E. Pantlind, P. E. C.

Sir Henry F. Hastings, P. E. C.

#### ROMEO, No. 6-

Sir James Gray, Eminent Commander, and Representative of Commandery.

#### PORT HURON, No. 7-

Sir Henry N. Botsford, Eminent Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

#### PENINSULAR, No. 8-

Sir Oscar F. Coleman, Eminent Commander.

Sir Riley P. Hobbs, Generalissimo.

Sir Myron F. Carder, Captain General.

Sir George W. Young, P. E. C.

#### JACKSON, No. 9-

Sir J. C. Richardson, Eminent Commander.

Sir Sanford Hunt, proxy for Generalissimo.

Sir H. F. Hatch, Captain General.

Sir Albert Stiles, P. E. C.

#### JACOBS, No. 10-

Sir David B. Purinton, Eminent Commander.

Sir Charles R. Hutchinson, proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

#### IONIA, No. 11-

Sir R. H. Bedford, Eminent Commander.

Sir P. H. Taylor, P. E. C.

NILES, No. 12-

Sir William J. Gilbert, Eminent Commander.

ANN ARBOR, No. 13-

Sir William W. Nichols, Eminent Commander.

FENTON, No. 14-

Sir Wilford P. Cook, Emment Commander. Sir Alonzo B. Hyatt, Captain General.

GENESEE VALLEY, No. 15-

Sir S. C. Randall, P. E. C., and Representative of Commandery.

ST. BERNARD, No. 16-

Sir Lorenzo T. Durand, Eminent Commander.

MARSHALL, No. 17-

Sir Eugene Robertson, Eminent Commander.

COLUMBIA, No. 18-

Sir Henry S. Church, Eminent Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General. Sir Henry L. Anthony, P. E. C.

Monroe, No. 19-

Sir Clarence W. Scott, Eminent Commander. Sir Lewis Grant, Generalissimo.

CORUNNA, No. 21-

Sir Hugh McCurdy, Eminent Commander, and Representative of Commandery.

Muskegon, No. 22-

Sir L. R. Marvin, Eminent Commander, and proxy for Generalissimo and Captain General.

PILGRIM, No. 23-

Sir Simon G. Webster, P. E. C., Captain General and Representative of Commandery.

St. Johns, No. 24-

Sir John D. Henderson, Eminent Commander, and Representative of Commandery.

LANSING, No. 25-

Sir Wyllis C. Ransom, P. E. C., and Representative of Commandery.

BAY CITY, No. 26-

Sir Hanford E. Meeker, Eminent Commander, and Representative of Commandery. Sir Charles H. Pomeroy, P. E. C.

LEXINGTON, No. 27-

Sir Arthur M. Clark, P. E. C., and Representative of Commandery.

Howell, No. 28--

Sir Henry N. Spencer, Eminent Commander.

THREE RIVERS, No. 29-

Sir Charles W. Backus, Eminent Commander, and Representative of Commandery.

LAKE SUPERIOR, No. 30-

Sir and Rev. William A. Masker, Eminent Commander.

Apollo, No. 31-

Sir George N. Stray, Eminent Commander.

MANISTEE, No. 32-

Sir P. A. McElvay, Representative of Commandery.

Sir E. D. Wheeler, P. E. C.

BATTLE CREEK, No. 33-

Sir Daniel R. Griswold Eminent Commander.

Sir George W. Nichols, Captain General.

ALPENA, No. 34-

Sir George W. Maltz, P. E. C., and Representative of Commandery. MENOMINEE, No. 35-

Sir George A. Woodford, Eminent Commander.

Ivanhoe, No. 36-

Sir James Buckley, Eminent Commander. Sir Levi W. Cole, Generalissimo.

CHARLOTTE, No. 37-

Sir Parm S. DeGraff, Eminent Commander. Sir Philip T. Van Zile, Captain General.

Montrose, No. 38-

Sir Frank A. Douglass, Generalissimo, and Representative of Commandery.

GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

The R. E. Grand Commander then proceeded to deliver his annual address, as follows:

## Grand Commander's Address.

#### SIR KNIGHTS:

I take pleasure in welcoming you to this the thirty-first annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, convened to legislate upon matters of importance to Templar Masonry. It is to be hoped that the proceedings will be characterized by harmony and fraternal feelings, and that when we return to our homes we may feel that it has been a happy and profitable reunion, and that the best interests of Templar Masonry have been advanced.

Questions of the utmost importance will be brought before you for consideration, and it is to be hoped that every Sir Knight who is entitled to a vote in this grand body, will make it his especial duty to be present during the entire session. It is with the utmost pleasure that I report that harmony and prosperity prevails throughout our entire grand jurisdiction.

#### DEATH OF SIR KELLY.

It is with sadness that I refer to the death of Sir Edward W. Kelly, our Grand Captain General, who was stricken down without a moment's warning, at Painesville, Ohio, on the evening of Friday, December 10, last. On account of important engagements I was unable to attend the funeral, and as it seemed impossible for any other prominent officer of the Grand Commandery to attend, I telegraphed the Commander of Eagle Commandery of Painesville, who had the remains in charge, "to consult the reasonable wishes of the family, and report the necessary expenses to me." I have placed the correspondence in connection with the funeral with the Grand Recorder, and recommend its reference to a committee. I append a letter received from R. E. Sir Lafayette Lyttle, Grand Commander of Ohio, to whom we are under great obligations for his kindness and courtesy in assisting in the capacity of Prelate, in connection with the ceremony:

TOLEDO, O., December 16, 1886.

Sir Wm. S. LAWRENCE, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan, Kalamazoo, Michigan:

R. E. AND DEAR SIR—On Saturday, December 11, I received the following dispatch from Painesville, Ohio:

"E. W. KELLY died here last evening. Funeral here 1:30, Tuesday, P. M. It has always been his wish you act as Prelate at his funeral; answer by what train you will come."

In response to the above I proceeded to Painesville, Ohio, on Monday, December 13, for the purpose of being present at the last sad rite in honor of our beloved and distinguished frater, the late E. Sir E. W. Kelly, Grand Captain General of your Grand Commandery.

Finding that Eagle Commandery, No. 29, Knights Templar, located at that place, had been requested by you to carry out the wishes of his friends, I consented to act as Prelate on that mournful occasion, and Eminent Sir Kelly was buried with full knightly honors.

Eminent Sir J. W. Spencer officiated as the presiding officer, and the pall bearers were selected from Eureka Commandery, of Hillsdale, Michigan, which was represented by a large delegation.

The services were held in the Episcopal church of that city, and were largely attended. Eminent Sir Kelly was one of my intimate and dear friends; his genial social qualities made him welcome everywhere, his high character as a man, and his distinguished services as a Mason, made him loved and honored by all who knew him, and a large number of devoted friends in this grand jurisdiction sincerely mourn his death.

Mrs. Kellv has handed me the jewel of his office as your Grand Captain General, which I forward to you by express. Please acknowledge its receipt, and oblige. With knightly regards and best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

LAFAYETTE LYTTLE,
Grand Commander Knights Templar of Ohio.

I acknowledged receipt of the letter, thanking R. E. Sir LYTTLE, in behalf of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, for the high consideration he had shown, and the beautiful words of kindness in regard to our departed Frater.

I became more than ever attached to Sir Kelly upon the pilgrimage to Hancock to organize Montrose Commandery, and also at St. Louis. as on all occasions he showed a disposition to make those around him comfortable and happy, without regard to his own comfort.

At my suggestion, our Grand Recorder procured a beautiful floral emblem, and forwarded it to Painesville for the occasion, in the name of the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

Other prominent Sir Knights have no doubt fallen, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, but I have no official notice of the same.

#### THE TRIENNIAL.

The twenty-third triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment was held at St. Louis, beginning September 21, last, and with the concurrence of the balance of the Grand Council, I secured quarters at the Lindell hotel, as directed by this grand body. The expenses incident to the pilgrimage and headquarter expenses was paid by the Grand Recorder's warrant, who will report same to this grand body.

The following officers were present, and participated in the business and festivities of the occasion:

Sir WILLIAM S. LAWRENCE, Grand Commander.

Sir Thos. H. WILLIAMS, V. E. D. G. C.

Sir Charles P. Bigelow, E. G. G.

Sir EDWARD W. KELLY, E. G. C. G.

Sir and Rev. F. A. BLADES, E. G. Prelate.

Sir JOHN A. GEROW, E. G. Senior Warden.

Sir WILLIAM G. DOTY, E. G. Junior Warden.

Sir EDWARD C. SMITH, E. G. Standard Bearer.

Sir JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, E. G. Sword Bearer.

Sir HENRY L. ANTHONY, E. G. Warder.

Sir ALEX. McGREGOR, E. G. Sentinel.

Also the following Past Grand Commanders:

Sir Oliver L. Spaulding.

Sir Heman N. Moore.

Sir Hugh McCurdy.

Sir Frank Henderson.

Sir George W. Chandler.

This grand jurisdiction was represented by the following Commanderies who attended in a body, namely:

Detroit, No. 1.

Pontiac, No. 2.

DeMolai, No. 5.

Peninsular, No. 8.

Jackson, No. 9.

Ann Arbor, No. 13.

St. Bernard, No. 16.

Corunna, No. 21.

Charlotte, No. 37.

These Commanderies were represented by large numbers of swords in each case. Many other individual Sir Knights were there from other Commanderies. Quite an amount of important business was transacted, among which was the adoption of a ritual, which was made obligatory upon all Commanderies to use after April 1. It was supposed that this ritual would have been promulgated some months since, but has just been received by the Grand Recorder, who will distribute them at this meeting, and take a receipt of each Commander for the same. I recommend every copy of the old work be required to be returned to the Grand Recorder to be destroyed by him, he to report to the Grand Commandery all who fail to do so. No uniform was adopted by the Grand Encampment, but each grand jurisdiction is left at liberty to prescribe such a uniform as they shall see fit. The committee, to whom the matter of uniform was referred at the last meeting of this grand body, will

make their report, and it is to be hoped that definite action will be taken, as it is of the utmost importance that a suitable uniform be adopted, so that in the near future all Sir Knights from this grand jurisdiction will be uniformed alike. The Grand Encampment alone reserved to itself the insignia of office. The matter of tactics and drill was also left to the discretion of the State Grand Commanderies, both for the asylum and the public. As several of the most prominent Commanderies have ceased to use the drill adopted by this Grand Commandery, adopting substantially the drill used by the government in its army, it is hoped that some action will be taken to investigate the matter, and adopt such drill as is thought best to be adopted, so that the drill of all Commanderies may be uniform throughout our grand jurisdiction.

#### CHARLOTTE COMMANDERY.

As authorized by this grand body, I appointed the following committee to attend to the interests of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, in the appeal of Lansing Commandery, in reference to the charter of Charlotte Commandery:

R. E. Sir OLIVER L. SPAULDING.

Sir John W. McGrath.

E. Sir Jefferson S. Conover.

They no doubt will present to this grand body a full report of the proceedings in the case, and I will merely say that the Grand Commandery of Michigan was sustained in their action, and the case referred back to this grand body for disposal. I requested the Grand Recorder to pay the expenses of the several members of the committee, as I felt authorized to do so, under the instructions received from the Grand Commandery. Their labors were highly successful, as will be seen by the result. Great credit is due to the triennial committee, as well as all Sir Knights of St. Louis, for the great pains taken to make everything connected with the conclave as pleasant as possible. I had the honor of being appointed commander of a division in the great parade, but owing to the heavy rains at the time set for the parade, it was abandoned, and my duties in the Grand Encampment prevented me from participating when the parade did take place. At my suggestion, however, Sir John A. Gerow, Grand Senior Warden, was appointed to take charge of the division, and Sir Edward C. Smith as one of his aids.

This grand jurisdiction was honored by the election of R. E. Sir Hugh McCurdy, whom we all know so well, as Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment.

#### DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations were issued during the year to the following Commanderies, granting them permission to parade on memorial day.

Eureka Commandery, No. 3.
St. Johns Commandery, No. 24.
Port Huron Commandery, No. 7.
Apollo Commandery, No. 31.
Battle Creek Commandery, No. 33.
Genesee Valley Commandery, No. 15.
Marshall Commandery, No. 17.

The following Commanderies were also granted permission to parade on other occasions, (believing, as I do, that this is a military order, and one that should be encouraged in participating in the exercises on all reasonable occasions,) viz:

Three Rivers, No. 29, Corunna, No. 21, St. Bernard, No. 16,

to parade upon the Fourth of July; also to different Commanderies to make pilgrimages for recreation and drill.

I have refused several requests to parade upon occasions which did not seem to be suitable occasions.

#### MASONIC HOME.

I take this opportunity to call your attention to the effort being made by members of the fraternity to establish a "Masonic Home," for our needy Masons, in or near the city of Grand Rapids. A large amount of work has been done with very flattering results, and I recommend that every encouragement possible be given by this grand body, and the Commanderies in this grand jurisdiction, to assist in so noble and glorious an undertaking.

#### SPECIAL BALLOT.

I have on several occasions granted dispensations to Commanderies to receive petitions and ballot upon them, without waiting the usual time. It has only been done, however, when I was convinced that there were good reasons for such action, and in all cases required every member of the respective Commanderies to be notified. I have refused several applications, believing the request to be without sufficient reasons for asking.

#### ASCENSION DAY.

The Ascension Day services were distributed as ordered, and no doubt Rev. and E. Sir Blades, chairman of the committee, will make a full report.

#### NEW COMMANDERIES.

The dispensation granted by this grand body was executed and forwarded to Northville Commandery soon after the meeting of the Grand Commandery last year. The officers of the Commandery are as follows:

Sir CHARLES G. HARRINGTON, Eminent Commander.

Sir WILLIAM HARLAND, Generalissimo.

Sir Eli K. Simons, Captain General.

Sir FRANK N. CLARK, Prelate.

Sir A. J. LINTON, Senior Warden.

Sir J. H. WOODMAN, Junior Warden.

Sir L. W. SIMONS, Treasurer.

Sir CHARLES R. STEVENS, Recorder.

Sir A. A. DIBBLE, Standard Bearer.

Sir E. N. ROOT, Sword Bearer.

Sir A. W. CARPENTER, Warder.

Sir C. T. SMITH, Sentinel.

Sirs L. V. CARPENTER, E. J. ROBINSON and IRA KINYON, Guards.

They have done extraordinary work during the year, giving the order of the Temple to twenty-one and the Order of the Red Cross to twenty-two. Although I have not visited their Commandery, I understand their work is first-class, and a credit to the Grand Commandery of Michigan. I heartily recommend that a charter be granted them.

I received a petition for a dispensation for a Commandery to be located at Ithaca, Gratiot county, signed by JOHN W. LEWIS and twenty eight other Sir Knights. Upon examining the location and the necessity for a Commandery, and after consultation with prominent officers of the Grand Commandery, I granted the dispensation on July 1. They had in their jurisdiction at the time nine Blue Lodges, about one thousand members; three Chapters, about two hundred members. They were recommended by St. Johns Commandery, No. 24, being the nearest Commandery; also by Ionia Commandery, No. 11. The petition was accompanied by the necessary fee of one hundred dollars, which was turned over to the Grand Recorder. I am informed they have elegant rooms owned by the society, and are in every respect in first-class working order. They have conferred the Order of the Temple upon nine Sir Knights and the Order of the Red Cross upon eleven. I believe it is only justice that a charter be granted them, as they are twenty-four miles from St. Johns, and it was impossible for them to attend Commandery without driving across the country that distance or spending two days to go to the Commandery and back. They are in a growing section of the country, and I believe they will make a first-class Commandery. The following are the officers:

Sir JOHN W. LEWIS, Eminent Commander.

Sir E. ARNOLD, Generalissimo.

Sir J. L. SINCLAIR, Captain General.

Sir O. H. HEATH, Prelate.

Sir J. F. HENRY, Treasurer.

Sir R. SMITH, Recorder.

Sir J. M. TRASK, Senior Warden.

Sir K. P. PEAT, Junior Warden.

Sir T. S. BARNES, Standard Bearer.

Sir W. W. COMSTOCK, Sword Bearer.

Sir H. E. LEWIS, Warder.

They have also elected five Companions to receive the Orders; their fees forty dollars, and their dues four dollars per year. I recommend that they also be granted a charter.

#### INSPECTION.

I, like all other Grand Commanders, started out with the expectation of visiting every Commandery in the Grand Jurisdiction, and find I have been unable, on account of pressing business, to visit but very few. It is my opinion that some course should be taken to have every Commandery in the State inspected every year, as I am sure it would add greatly to the proficiency of the weaker Commanderies, and assist them in making Templar Masonry what it should be. This, I think, should be done either by dividing up the State into districts and giving each grand officer a number of Commanderies to inspect, as was formerly done in this State, and is now done in Illinois and some other States, or an inspector general appointed, as was suggested last year; one who would be thoroughly capable and would have the time to inspect every Commandery in the Grand Jurisdiction.

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I received an application from prominent Sir Knights, requesting me to appoint a representative near the Grand Commandery of New York. I had to reply regretting that grand representatives are not authorized by this Grand Commandery. It is the custom of nearly all other Grand Jurisdictions to appoint representatives, and I believe it would only be an act of courtesy to adopt the same rule, and would therefore recommend the same to your favorable consideration.

#### JEWEL.

At the last meeting of this Grand Commandery, a jewel was voted to E. Sir EUGENE ROBINSON, and upon June 8 I received the following letter:

#### R. E. SIR-

DEAR SIR KNIGHT—Sir Knight BLADES informed me on last Friday that at the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery a jewel was voted to myself. That so unusual an event as presenting a jewel to a supordinate officer in the Grand Commandery is a mistake patent to all. In holding the office of Grand Captain General, no individual or personality on my part was supposed to exist, the general impression being that the holding of that office by a member of Detroit Commandery being a slight acknowledgment of the efforts of Detroit

Commandery for Templar Masonry. You will oblige me, Eminent Sir, by not ordering the jewel, as on no consideration whatever could I accept the same. Thanking the Grand Commandery for their generous offer, I remain,

Courteously yours,

EUGENE ROBINSON,

Captain General.

Upon receiving the above letter, and finding that no steps had been taken toward the manufacture of the jewel, I ordered it to be suspended, and replied to Sir Robinson, conveying to him my regrets that he had come to such a decision, assuring him that it was voted him as a slight recognition of his valuable services in the cause of Templar Masonry in our State, as well his influence in promoting a spirit of emulation throughout the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

#### GENERAL ORDERS.

The following general orders were promulgated during the year:

#### GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND COMMANDERY OF MICHIGAN, KALAMAZOO, MICH., June 22, 1886.

To the subordinate Commanderies under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:

It is hereby ordered that all subordinate Commanderies who intend to participate in the pilgrimage to St. Louis for the purpose of attending the Twenty-Third Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the U. S. A., from this date until the 20th day of September, 1886, are hereby authorized to appear in public for drill, at such time as the several Commanders deem proper, in order that the Commanderies may become more proficient in the tactics.

Further: Permission is hereby granted to all Commanderies or detachments thereof in this Grand Jurisdiction to attend said Triennial Conclave and participate in the parade and ceremonies of the occasion.

The headquarters of the Grand Commandery of Michigan will be at the Lindell Hotel, where all Sir Knights from Michigan will be welcomed by the Grand Commander and his staff.

#### GENERAL ORDER No. 2.

Headquarters Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan, September 9, 1886.
Wm. S. Lawrence, Grand Commander.

In order that the pilgrimage to and sojourn at St. Louis, on the occasion of the Twenty-Third Triennial Conclave, to be held at St. Louis, Missouri, September 21, 1886, may be both pleasant and profitable to the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction, it is ordered as follows:

- r. That all Commanders of Commanderies report to me at once, at this place, giving the number of Sir Knights that will accompany them upon the pilgrimage.
- 2. That all Commanders of Commanderies report at headquarters, at Lindell Hotel, as early as 12, M. on Monday, September 20, and see that all officers and members of their several Commanderies are registered in the Grand Commandery register, giving location

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of quarters, also names of all friends accompanying them. All individual Sir Knights from this Grand Jurisdiction are also required to register.

- 3. It is also ordered that, as far as possible, all officers of the Grand Commandery report to the Grand Commander, at Kalamazoo, on Sunday, September 19, at six o'clock P. M., at which time the train will arrive from Jackson, leaving there at 4 P. M., and will convey Ann Arbor, Jackson, Charlotte, Peninsular, and perhaps other Commanderies, and will also be consolidated at New Buffalo with the train from Grand Rapids conveying De Molai Commandery, arriving at St. Louis early Monday morning. All officers of the Grand Commandery are requested to report at once to me, in order that ample sleeping berths may be set apart for them; also report promptly if not going, so that acting officers for the trip may be appointed, as a full delegation is desirable. Fare from Kalamazoo to St. Louis and return \$9.50; sleepers about \$3.50 extra.
- 4. It is ordered that all officers of the Grand Commandery report at headquarters, at the Lindell, immediately upon arrival, and also at nine A. M. every morning during the conclave for orders. It is expected that every officer of the Grand Commandery will use every exertion to assist in decorating our headquarters, bringing anything they can procure suitable for that purpose, and by their presence assist in welcoming all Sir Knights.
- 5. Reposing the utmost confidence in the knightly courtesy of the officers and Sir Knights of Peninsular Commmandery, No. 8, stationed at Kalamazoo, they are hereby detailed to act as escort to the Grand Commandery of Michigan during its pilgrimage, and for the performance of such other duties as may be assigned them.

Courteously yours,

William S. Lawrence,

Grand Commander.

I am pleased to state that the orders were almost universally observed, and tended to add to the pleasure of the occasion.

#### GENERAL ORDER No. 3.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE R. E. GRAND COMMANDER, GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MICHIGAN. KALAMAZOO, MICH., December 16, 1886.

To all true and courteous Knights throughout the Jurisdiction of Michigan-Greeting:

SIR KNIGHTS—Death, with its sadness and sorrows, has suddenly invaded the ranks of our Grand Commandery and removed from our midst Sir Knight EDWARD W. KELLY, our Grand Captain General, who died in Painesville, Ohio, December 10, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Without a moment's warning, and while standing erect in all the strength and vigor of manhood, the Angel of Death received the awful mandate, and our Sir Knight was stricken from the roll of human existence.

The lessons taught us, as Templars, and deeply appreciated by our departed Sir Knight, gives us consolation that he has passed safely through the dark valley of the shadow of death, and that his enfranchised spirit is safely landed in the peaceful abode of the blessed.

Sir Knights, it is our duty when such a man is removed from our midst, that we mourn his loss, and show to the world our appreciation of his character and service.

Therefore, in token of respect for the memory of one whom we respected while living, it is directed that this general order be read at the head of the lines of each subordinate Commandery at the next meeting after it shall be received, and that the asylums be

draped in mourning for the space of sixty days; also, that all Grand and subordinate officers and Sir Knights wear the usual badge of mourning for the same space of time.

Given under the seal of the Grand Commandery this 16th day of December, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

By order of

WILLIAM S. LAWRENCE,

R. E. Grand Commander,

Attest:

WILLIAM P. INNES,

E. Grand Recorder.

#### COMMANDERIES INSTITUTED.

On Friday evening, August 13, I instituted Montrose Commandery, No. 38, at Hancock, Michigan. The following Grand Officers and representatives of Grand Officers were present. The asylum was also consecrated in due form:

R. E. Sir WILLIAM S. LAWRENCE, Grand Commander.

E. Sir V. B. COCHRAN, E. G. Marshal.

Sir F. W. REED, as Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir J. E. DALLIBA, as Grand Generalissimo.

Sir E. W. KELLY, Grand Captain General.

Sir and Rev. W. A. MASKER, as Grand Prelate.

Sir S. W. WHEELER, as Grand Senior Warden.

Sir H. C. RUSSELL, as Grand Junior Warden.

Sir V. B. COCHRAN, as Grand Treasurer.

Sir G. R. PERSONS, as Grand Recorder.

Sir THOMAS WALLACE, as Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir M. A. GIBBS, as Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir WILLIAM H. MILL, as Grand Sentinel.

Sir H. B. RONEY, Grand Organist.

The ceremony was largely attended, and I have to report that they have splendid rooms, and splendid material, and every indication of a first-class Commandery. The following officers were installed:

Sir John Duncan, E. Commander.

Sir FRANK A. DOUGLASS, Generalissimo.

Sir EDWARD F. DOUGLASS, Captain General.

Sir F. J. DOWNER, Prelate.

Sir J. P. MASON, Senior Warden.

Sir JAMES COLLIE, Junior Warden.

Sir W. A. DUNN, Treasurer.

Sir M. R. GOLDSWORTHY, Recorder.

Sir JAMES RAMSAY, Standard Bearer.

Sir R. B. SHELDON, Sword Bearer.

Sir JAMES N. Cox, Warder.

Sir WILLIAM H. MILL, Sentinel.

I am under great obligations to the Sir Knights of Lake Superior Commandery, No. 30, several of whom accompanied the Grand Officers to Hancock and assisted in the services.

#### DECISIONS

There has been a large number of questions asked during the past year, many of which could be readily answered by referring to the constitution and by-laws. There has been so many changes since the revision that it was thought best that the Grand Recorder revise them to be printed with the proceedings the coming year. By so doing it will save the Grand Commander a large amount of work, and be but little expense to the Grand Commandery. The following questions were asked, to-wit:

A Companion removed from the jurisdiction to another, but before gaining residence in the territory of the new Commandery he sends his petition to the Commandery where he formerly resided. Under such circumstances can the Commandery receiving the petition receive and act upon the same?

Answer. No; not without the consent of the Commandery into whose jurisdiction he has removed.

Question. A Commandery adopts a by law, fixing the regular preceding Good Friday as the time for electing efficers. Can they hold their election on Good Friday?

Answer. No; they having adopted the meeting previous to Good Friday, which is not inconsistent with the edicts of the Grand Commandery, they cannot change the time of election without change in their by-laws.

# REMOVAL.

March 23 I granted permission to DeMolai Commandery to remove to their new and elegant quarters in the Widdicomb block, in which they are now located. I did so with great pleasure, believing it was greatly to their benefit, and, as you can see, have as fine quarters as any in the State. By request of DeMolai Commandery, I opened the Grand Commandery on March 31, at Grand Rapids, and consecrated their asylum to Templar Masonry, the following officers assisting:

Sir WILLIAM S. LAWRENCE, Grand Commander.

Sir C. T. HILLS, Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir CHARLES P. BIGELOW, Grand Generalissimo.

Sir HEMAN N. MOORE, Grand Marshal.

Sir Jos. C. HERKNER, as Grand Captain General.

Sir and Rev. CHARLES FLUHRER, as Grand Prelate.

Sir E. D. WHEELER, as Grand Senior Warden.

Sir CHARLES H. HODSKIN, as Grand Junior Warden.

Sir WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Recorder.

Sir FRED B. BALDWIN, as Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir Jefferson S. Conover, Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir HENRY L. ANTHONY, Grand Warder.

Sir C. H. BROWN, as Grand Sentinel.

## REPEAL OF SECTION FOUR.

In view of section forty-three, article three of the constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, which reads as follows:

"Each Grand Commander shall have exclusive power to constitute new Commanderies within its jurisdiction," I would recommend that section four, article three of the constitution of the Grand Commandery, be repealed, being inconsistent with the constitution of the Grand Encampment.

## CLOSING.

In retiring from the high office of Grand Commander, and returning to you the trust you saw fit to place in my hands one year ago, I wish to thank all Sir Knights with whom I have been associated during my term of office, for the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me upon all occasions. If I have erred in the discharge of my duties, it was a mistake of the head and not of the heart.

We will now proceed with the business of the conclave.

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM S. LAWRENCE,

Grand Commander.

# ACCEPTED.

On motion, the address of the R. E. Grand Commander was accepted and the recommendations concurred in, and referred to a special committee of three for division and reference.

# DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

On motion of Sir Garra B. Noble, Past Grand Commander, the address of the R. E. Grand Commander was referred to a committee of three, for division and reference.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced as members of that committee Sir Garra B. Noble, P. G. C., Sir John W. Finch, P. E. C., and Sir William J. Gilbert, P. E. C.

## GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT.

The Grand Recorder submitted his annual report, which was read, and, on motion of Sir Hugh McCurdy, Past Grand

Commander, it was accepted, adopted, and ordered printed with the proceedings.

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Michigan:

It is my pleasure, as well as implied duly, to report the doings, in a general way, of my office the past Templar year, and I preface the report by welcoming you, one and all, to our beautiful Valley City; indeed her entire seventy thousand population welcome you, and hope your visit, officially and otherwise, may be as pleasant to you as it is gratifying to us.

DeMolai Commandery, No. 5, one of the organizers of your grand body, bids you thrice welcome, and throws open wide her gates, with knightly assurances that she appreciates the honor done her by holding this your thirty-first annual conclave in her beautiful hall, which is dedicated to deeds of charity and pure beneficence. As of old, we say: "Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you, ask and ye shall receive; yea, all we have is thine—silver and gold have we none, but such as we have we give unto thee."

Enjoy yourselves, Sir Knights, and when you go hence, may you all exclaim, "it is good we came and viewed the land ourselves, as now know the fullness thereof."

## PROCEEDINGS.

As soon as my health permitted after the adjournment of the Grand Commandery last year, I proceeded to prepare the transactions, and get them in shape for printing. My speedy restoration to health, for which I was very grateful, enabled me to complete my labors in this direction in about the average time, and without delay all entitled thereto received the proceedings, and a general acknowledgment was made therefor.

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT TAX.

The dues exacted by the Grand Encampment were duly forwarded to the Grand Recorder of that body, and in time properly receipted for.

# PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S JEWEL.

At the last conclave, Past Grand Commander George W. CHANDLER, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to procure and present to Sir R. ALLEN HALL, an appropriate Past Grand Commander's jewel, as a mark of the kindly feelings entertained for that officer by the members of the Grand Commandery, and as a token of their appreciation of his services during the past year.

I was informed, shortly after our adjournment, that Sir Knight Hall had resolved to "travel in foreign countries, and work and receive Master's wages" away out in Kansas, but knowing although absent in body he was yet

present in spirit, I set about the pleasing task and procured the jewel, as directed. In time same was completed, and forwarded with assurances, on behalf of the Grand Commandery, that although miles separate us, yet the Templar bonds still hold fast and annihilate distance.

Sir Knight HALL acknowledged the receipt of the jewel, with warmest expressions of regard to the Grand Commandery, and its individual members.

## NEW WORK.

Within the past few days I have received from Sir Knight WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the new Templar work, as adopted at the last Triennial, with instructions to furnish each Eminent Commander with a copy, taking his receipt therefor. Not knowing the changes made this year in the office of Eminent Commanders of subordinate Commanderies at this writing, owing to the non-receipt of a number of subordinate returns, I decided to hold the work until this meeting, when the proper persons were present, and deliver it to them, in person, taking their receipts therefor. This duty I will take an early moment to perform.

Courteously yours,

WILLIAM P. INNES, Grand Recorder.

# THE FINANCES.

The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder submitted their financial reports for the current year, and asked that they be referred to the standing committee on finance. So referred.

# AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy called up the amendment to the grand constitution, as offered by him last year, and laid over under the rules. (See page 24, proceedings 1886.) After discussion, the same was adopted to stand as section four of the grand constitution, and reads as follows:

The annual meeting of this Grand Commandery shall be held at such place as a majority of all shall determine, on the third Tuesday of May, in each year, at such hour as this Grand Body may designate, at which meeting the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by ballot, and no Sir Knight shall be eligible to office in this Grand Body unless he shall be at the time a member of a subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced the following Sir Knights as members of the several standing committees:

## JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir Oliver L. Spaulding, P. G. C.

Sir WILLIAM G. SEELY, E. C.

Sir PARM S. DEGRAFF, E. C.

## FINANCE.

Sir Frank Henderson, P. G. C.

Sir George N. Stray, E. C.

Sir Simon G. Webster, P. E. C.

## CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

Sir Eugene P. Robertson, E. C.

Sir Samuel E. Watson, E. C.

Sir Daniel R. Griswold, E. C.

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

Sir Edward D. Wheeler, P. E. C.

Sir Josiah C. Richardson, E. C.

Sir David B. Purinton, E. C.

# UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Sir Lorenzo T. Durand, E. C.

Sir Samuel C. Randall, P. G. C.

Sir George W. Nichols, C. G.

# FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir WILLIAM P. INNES, P. G. C.

Sir George W. Chandler, P. G. C.

Sir Hollis F. Knapp, P. G. C.

# TEMPLAR DEAD.

Sir and Rev. FRANCIS A. BLADES, Grand Prelate.

Sir CLARENCE W. SCOTT, E. C.

Sir LaRay Marvin, E. C.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

The Grand Recorder then read the following letters of invitation from the O-wash-ta-nong and Peninsular clubs of this city, cordially inviting the members of the Grand Commandery to accept their hospitalities. The invitations were accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Commandery returned to the members of the clubs for their kindness expressed:

SAMUEL E. WATSON, Esq.,

Eminent Commander, DeMolai Commandery,

Grand Rapids, Michigan:

DEAR SIR—I am requested by the board of directors of the O-wash-tanong Boat Club, to tender to the officers and members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, visiting in this city on May 10 and 11, the privileges of our club and boat-house, and will be pleased if they will avail themselves of the same.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully yours,

C. W. CHAUNCEY,

Secretary.

SAMUEL E. WATSON, ESQ.,
Eminent Commander, DeMolai Commandery,

Grand Rapids, Michigan:

The Peninsular Club of Grand Rapids, has the honor to extend to the Grand Commandery of Michigan, the privileges of the club during their stay in this city.

Respectfully,

JOHN C. BONNELL,

Vice-President.

## SPECIAL REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Grand Recorder, chairman of the standing committee on correspondence, submitted the following special report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered printed:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your standing committee on correspondence beg to submit for your consideration the following tidings from the northwest:

On January 13, 1887, the following Commanderies holding warrants under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, Oregon, No. 1, Ivanhoe, No. 2, and Temple, No. 3, met in Albany, Oregon, and took the preliminary steps to organize a Grand Commandery.

At this meeting a preliminary organization was effected, and office elected. An adjournment was taken until April 13, at Portland, when the Grand Commandery was duly organized, and its officers installed, under the following letter of authority:

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES, GRAND MASTER'S OFFICE, NEW YORK, March 4, 1887.

To all True and Courteous Sir Knights-Greeting:

WHEREAS, I have received an application from the three Commanderies of Knigh Templar stationed in the State of Oregon, praying that they may be constituted into Grand Commandery, for and within said State, I now issue this my Warrant therefo and reposing special confidence in the integity and knightly ability of our worthy S Knight, Irving W. Pratt, Eminent Commander of Oregon Commandery, No. 1, of Por land, Oregon, I do, by these presents, constitute and appoint him my proxy, for me and i my name, as Grand Master of Knights Templar in the United States of America, to sun mon or otherwise meet at the asylum of Oregon Commandery, No. 1, in said Portland at such time as may be convenient, such Sir Knights as may be entitled to be pre ent for that purpose, and then and there fully organize a Grand Commandery for sai State of Oregon, in accordance with the constitution and code of statutes of the Gran Encampment of the United States of America, and install its officers; making due retur to me of his proceedings in the premises, together with this warrant.

Given under my hand and private seal, in the city of New York, March 4, 1887.

CHARLES ROOME,

Grand Master.

The Grand Commandery then adjourned to meet in Portland on July 6 1887.

The organization of this Grand Commandery, appearing to your committee to be proper in every form, and sanctioned by the highest officia authority, we would respectfully submit the following resolutions, and asl their adoption:

Resolved, That we most cordially and fraternally welcome to the list of Grand Commanderies our sister, Oregon, and hail with joy her successful organization, and tende her our knightly congratulations.

Resolved, That we wish this young Grand Commandery years of prosperity, an fervently pray that as a grand body she may spread her light with increased brightnes around the Templar world, doing increased good as increased power is granted her.

Courteously submitted,

WILLIAM P. INNES,
For Committee.

# DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The special committee, to whom was referred the address of the R. E. Grand Commander for division and reference submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted, and committee discharged:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery, K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, for division and reference, respectfully report, that so much of said address as relates to Templar law, be referred to the committee on jurisprudence.

That that portion relating to dispensations, be referred to the committee on charters and dispensations.

That so much as refers to Templar dead, be referred to a special committee of three.

That that portion relating to Inspector General, be referred to a special committee of three.

That the portion referring to Representatives of this Grand Commandery, to a special committee of three.

That the portion relating to tactics and drill, be referred to a special committee of three.

That portion relating to the funeral of V. E. Sir Knight Kelly to a special committee of three Past Grand Commanders.

All of which is courteously submitted.

Garra B. Noble, John W. Finch, William J. Gilbert,

Committee.

## COMMUNICATION.

Sir H. Shaw Noble, Grand Treasurer, submitted the following communication from Monroe Commandery, No. 19, formally addressed to the R. E. Grand Commander, and asked that same be referred to the standing committee on jurisprudence, to be reported upon at this conclave. It was so referred, and committee requested to report thereon:

MONROE, MICH., May 7, 1887.

Sir William S. Lawrence, R. E. Grand Commander, Kalamazoo, Michigan:

EMINENT SIR—Upon the following statement of facts, has Monroe Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, the right to so change their by-laws that annual dues may be collected?

On December 23, 1867, by virtue of a dispensation, and after due preparation, a Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in *Ample Form*, and proceeded to the regular dispatch of business.

On motion of Sir Knight ----, a committee was appointed by the Eminent

After consultation, the committee made their report, and the by-laws set forth on pages three hundred and forty-two and three hundred and fiftyfour, inclusive, of the book of records, was adopted by the Commandery.

Sir Knight S- then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That every person becoming a member of this Commandery, shall pay the sum of thirty-five dollars for the degrees, and by paying such amount shall be a life-member of the same, so long as he conduct himself as a courteous Sir Knight, and without being subject to the payment of dues. This resolution shall not be construed to invalidate any assessment.

# ARTICLE 6, CODE OF BY-LAWS.

No person shall receive the Order of Knighthood in this Commandery for a less sum than thirty-five dollars, fifteen of which shall be paid on admission, and a further sum of twenty dollars before he can receive the Order of Knight Templar.

# ARTICLE 7 OF BY-LAWS.

There shall be no annual dues, but every member shall be subject to such assessments as the Commandery, from time to time, shall deem proper

## ARTICLE Q.

No alteration or amendment of these by-laws shall be made, unless the same be proposed in writing, at a regular conclave, and entered upon the minutes, and lie over until the next regular for action. For its passage it shall require a two-thirds vote of members present.

A resolution to change article seven of by-laws, so that annual dues may hereafter be required, is now pending.

It is argued by Sir Knights, knighted while Commandery was working under dispensation, that the terms upon which they paid the requisite fee, (thirty-five dollars,) was in the nature of a contract, and cannot be varied from.

Will resolution adopted in 1878, (page forty-eight, proceedings of that year,) apply in this case? Is the changing of our by-laws to conform to said resolution obligatory?

The above questions are submitted at the unanimous request of Monroe Commandery, and we await your decision before taking final action.

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE W. SCOTT,

Eminent Commander.

## INVITATION.

Sir Henry F. Hastings, Past Eminent Commander of DeMolai Commandery, No. 5, invited the visiting Sir Knights, as well as the members of the Grand Commandery, to visit the Soldiers' Home, and other places of interest in and about the city, and informed them that carriages would be in waiting for one and all, at sharp 2:30 P. M.

On motion of Sir George W. CHANDLER, Past Grand Commander, the invitation was cheerfully accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Commandery returned therefor.

## COMMUNICATION.

The Grand Recorder read the following kind and courteous communication from the Grand Commandery of Indiana, which was accepted, and by a rising vote, ordered printed with the proceedings, and our thanks tendered to the Sir Knights of Indiana for their words of sympathy:

Indianapolis, Indiana, May 3, 1887.

E. Sir William P. Innes, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Michigan, Grand Rapids, Michigan:

DEAR FRATER—At the recent annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Indiana, the following was adopted:

That our Grand Recorder be instructed to transmit our fraternal sympathy and condolence to the Grand Commandery of Michigan, in its loss by the death of Eminent Sir EDWARD W. KELLY, their Grand Captain General.

By order of the Grand Commandery.

Courteously and fraternally,

JOHN M. BRAMWELL,

Grand Recorder.

## RESOLUTION.

Sir Knight H. SHAW NOBLE, Grand Treasurer, moved that when the Grand Commandery adjourn, it stand adjourned until 7 P. M. this evening. Adopted.

# REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Grand Recorder, chairman of the standing committee on correspondence, submitted the usual report, which was accepted, and ordered printed with the proceedings. (S $\epsilon$  correspondence.)

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced the following Si Knights members of the special committees, to whom wa referred the several subjects embraced in his annual address

## INSPECTOR GENERALS.

Sir Heman N. Moore, P. G. C.

Sir Wilford P. Cook, E. C.

Sir Robert H. Bedford, E. C.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Sir GARRA B. NOBLE, P. G. C.

Sir Frank Henderson, P. G. C.

Sir George W. Chandler, P. G. C.

## KELLY FUNERAL.

Sir Oliver L. Spaulding, P. G. C.

Sir GARRA B. NOBLE, P. G. C.

Sir Luman R. Atwater, P. G. C.

TACTICS AND DRILL, BOTH ASYLUM AND STREET.

Sir Eugene Robinson, P. G. C. G.

Sir HIRAM F. HATCH, C. G.

Sir HENRY F. HASTINGS, P. E. C.

## ADJOURNED.

On motion of Sir Knight LUMAN R. ATWATER, the Grand Commandery adjourned until 7 P. M., this Tuesday evening.

# Euening Session.

FIRST DAY.

TUESDAY, 7. P. M.

HE Grand Commandery was called to order by the R. E. Grand Commander, at 7 P. M., according to adjournment.

Officers and representatives in their respective stations.

VISITING SIR KNIGHTS.

On motion of Sir Knight CHARLES P. BIGELOW, Grand Generalissimo, all Sir Knights in good and regular standing, were admitted to seats in the Grand Commandery during the present conclave.

# ANNOUNCEMENT.

The R. E. Grand Commander announced that in accordance with his request, DeMolai Commandery, No. 5, would without delay proceed to confer the Order of the Temple in full form, and in accordance with the new ritual as adopted at St. Louis at last Triennial.

# FATIGUE UNIFORM.

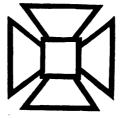
On motion of Sir Walter G. Seely, it was resolved that during the remainder of this conclave, all Sir Knights be permitted to appear in fatigue uniform.

## SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion, the election of grand officers for the ensuing year, was made the special order for 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, Wednesday.

ADJOURNED.

On motion of Sir Knight WILLIAM B. WILSON, Past Grand Commander, it was resolved that the Grand Commandery now adjourn until 9 A. M. to-morrow, Wednesday, and that DeMolai Commandery proceed to exemplify the work. Carried.



# Morning Session.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

HE Grand Commandery was called to order by the R. E. Grand Commander at 9 A. M., according to adjournment.

Officers and representatives in their several stations.

Prayer by Sir and Rev. Francis A. Blades, Grand Prelate.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS.

Grand Recorder Sir William P. Innes, called the attention of the Grand Commandery to the fact that our most zealous Sir Knight, Henry B. Roney, who for the past three years has filled the office of Grand Organist of the Grand Commandery, in a most able and acceptable manner, was about to leave the jurisdiction and take up his residence in Illinois, in view of which fact, and as an expression of our appreciation of the worth of this Sir Knight, he offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, This Grand Commandery has heard with regret that our worthy Sir Knight, HENRY B. RONEY, Grand Organist, is about to leave our jurisdiction, and take up his residence in Illinois; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery parts company with our beloved Sir Knight with feelings of regret.

Resolved, That Sir Knight Roney has, by his uniformly kind and courteous manner, endeared himself to every member of our Grand Commandery.

Resolved, That in parting with Sir Roney, we wish him every success in his new field of labor, and courteously recommend him to the consideration of our Brother Sir Knights of Illinois.

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Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be requested to have the abovepreamble and resolutions engrossed on parchment, and that a copy be presented to Sir Knight RONEY.

#### RESOLUTION.

Sir Knight Albert Stiles offered the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery hold a State Encampment this season, time and place to be designated by the Council of this Grand Commandery.

## CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The standing committee on charters and dispensations submitted the following reports, which, on motion, were accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee on charters and dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of Northville Commandery U. D., beg to submit the following:

After carefully examining all books, papers, etc., handed them, are of the opinion that a live Commandery can be maintained at that point, and we respectfully recommend that a charter be granted them, to be known as Northville Commandery, No. 39, Knights Templar. We find, by examining their by-laws, submitted to us by them, that the fees for the Orders are twenty-five dollars. While we are aware of the fact that the constitution of the Grand Commandery provides that this sum shall be the minimum, and recognizing the fact that this Commandery is within the law, yet we suggest that they will be more successful, financially and otherwise, by increasing their fee to a sum not less than forty dollars.

Courteously submitted,

EUGENE P. ROBERTSON,

SAMUEL E. WATSON,

DANIEL R. GRISWOLD,

Committee.

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee on charters and dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of Ithaca Commandery U. D., beg to submit the following report.

We have thoroughly examined all the evidence pertaining to the same,

and respectfully recommend that a charter be granted them, to be known as Ithaca Commandery, No. 40, Knights Templar.

Courteously submitted,

EUGENE P. ROBERTSON, SAMUEL E. WATSON, DANIEL R. GRISWOLD,

Committee.

## SUBORDINATE RETURNS.

The standing committee on subordinate returns, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee on returns of subordinate Commanderies, beg to submit the following report:

DetroitNo. ICorrect.	St. JohnsNo. 24Correct.	
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DeMolai No. 5 Correct.	Lansing No. 25 Correct.	
Peninsular No. 8 Correct.	Bay CityNo. 26Correct.	
JacksonNo. 9Correct.	Lexington No. 27 Correct.	
IoniaNo. 11Correct.	Howell No. 28 Correct.	
NilesNo. 12Correct.	Three RiversNo. 29Correct.	
St. BernardNo. 16Correct.	Apollo No. 31 Correct.	
MarshallNo. 17Correct.	Manistee No. 32 Correct.	
ColumbiaNo. 18Correct.	Battle Creek No. 33 Correct.	
CorunnaNo. 21Correct.	AlpenaNo. 34Correct.	
PilgrimNo. 23Correct.	Menominee No. 35 Correct.	
Charlotte No. 37 Correct.		

The reports of the following Commanderies are correct as to dues, but the names of members reinstated, or admitted from other Commanderies, are omitted:

Pontiac No. 2	MonroeNo. 19
AdrianNo. 4	Muskegon
Port Huron	Lake SuperiorNo. 30
Ann ArborNo. 13	Ivanhoe
Genesee ValleyNo. 15	Montrose No. 38

Eureka, No. 3, overpaid three dollars, and name of members reinstated omitted.

Romeo, No. 6, correct as to dues. Reports a member expelled, and is recapitulated as suspended.

Jacobs, No. 10, overpaid fifty cents.

Fenton, No. 14, overpaid one dollar and fifty cents.

Your committee recommend that orders be drawn to:

Eureka, No. 3, three dollars.

Jacobs, No. 10, fifty cents.

Fenton, No. 14, one dollar and fifty cents, being the amounts overpaid.

Courteously submitted,

E. D. Wheeler, Josiah C. Richardson, David B. Purinton,

Committee.

## AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

Sir Knight Luman R. Atwater, P. G. C., offered the following amendment to the constitution, which was accepted, and ordered printed with the proceedings, for action at next grand conclave:

Amend section one, article five, by striking out the words "twenty-five" in the second line, and inserting the word "forty."

## RESOLUTION.

On motion, it was resolved that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay to the several members of the special committee on uniform the usual per diem and mileage allowed other members of the Grand Commandery.

# NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Sir Knight GEORGE W. CHANDLER, Past Grand Commander, moved that a committee of three be appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander, to recommend a place for holding next grand conclave. Adopted; and the R. E. Grand Commander named as said committee:

Sir Knight George W. Chandler, P. G. C.

Sir Knight SAMUEL E. WATSON, E. C.

Sir Knight OSCAR F. COLEMAN, E. C.

## RESOLUTION.

Sir Knight PARM S. DEGRAAF, Eminent Commander, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery pay Sir Knight HENRY B. RONEY, Grand Organist, the usual mileage and per diem.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Sir Garra B. Noble, Past Grand Commander, chairman of the special committee on that part of the R. E. Grand Commander's address as referred to the question of Grand Representatives, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your special committee, to whom was referred that part of the R. E. Grand Commander's address relating to Grand Representatives, beg to report, that in their opinion it is not advisable for this Grand Commandery to adopt this practice.

This subject has been before this Grand Commandery heretofore, and, after careful consideration, it has uniformly been against the recognition of Grand Representatives. Your committee, therefore, see no reason for departing therefrom.

Courteously submitted,

GARRA B. NOBLE,
GEORGE W. CHANDLER,
FRANK HENDERSON,
Committee.

# JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir Knight OLIVER L. SPAULDING, Past Grand Commander, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee on Masonic jurisprudence, have considered the decisions on Masonic law made by the R. E. Grand Commander, noted in his address, and finding them correct, recommend their approval.

OLIVER L. SPAULDING, WALTER G. SEELY, PARM S. DEGRAAF, Committee.

# JURISPRUDENCE.

Sir OLIVER L. SPAULDING Past Grand Commander, chairman of the committee on jurisprudence, to whom was referred the communication from Monroe Commandery, No. 19, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee on Masonic jurisprudence have considered the following communication sent up by Monroe Commandery, No. 19:

MONROE, MICH., May 7, 1887.

Sir William S. Lawrence, R. E. Grand Commander, Kalamazoo, Michigan:

EMINENT SIR—Upon the following statement of facts, has Monroe Commandery, No. 19, Knights Templar, the right to so change their by-laws that annual dues may be collected?

On December 23, 1867, by virtue of a dispensation, and after due preparation, a Commandery of Knights Templar was opened in *Ample Form*, and proceeded to the regular dispatch of business.

On motion of Sir Knight —, a committee was appointed by the Eminent Commander to draft and present a code of by-laws for government of the Commandery, which consisted of Sir Knights N—, T— and L—.

After consultation, the committee made their report, and the by-laws set forth on pages three hundred and forty-two and three hundred and fifty-four, inclusive, of the book of records, was adopted by the Commandery.

Sir Knight S- then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That every person becoming a member of this Commandery, shall pay the sum of thirty-five dollars for the degrees, and by paying such amount shall be a life-member of the same, so long as he conduct himself as a courteous Sir Knight, and without being subject to the payment of dues. This resolution shall not be construed to invalidate any assessment.

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## ARTICLE 9.

No alteration or amendment of these by laws shall be made, unless the same be proposed in writing, at a regular conclave, and entered upon the minutes, and lie over until the next regular for action. For its passage it shall require a two-thirds vote of members present.

A resolution to change article seven of by-laws, so that annual dues may hereafter be required, is now pending.

It is argued by Sir Knights, knighted while Commandery was working under dispensation, that the terms upon which they paid the requisite fee, (thirty-five dollars,) was in the nature of a contract, and cannot be varied from.

Will resolution adopted in 1878, (page forty-eight, proceedings of that year,) apply in this case? Is the changing of our by-laws to conform to said resolution obligatory?

The above questions are submitted at the unanimous request of Monroe Commandery, and we await your decision before taking final action.

Courteously yours,

CLARENCE W. SCOTT,

Eminent Commander.

In the opinion of your committee, it is competent for Monroe Commandery to amend its by-laws in the manner provided by them, to-wit: by a twothirds vote.

It is not true, in the opinion of your committee, that the fixing by by-laws in the sum of thirty-five dollars for the Orders, this also to be in lieu of dues, is in the nature of a contract.

The by-laws themselves contemplate that they may be amended by a two-thirds vote. It is not unusual for a Commandery to amend its by-laws increasing dues, and experience has shown that the life of a Commandery often depends upon the exercise of the right of such amendment.

In the opinion of your committee, Monroe Commandery not only has the power to amend its by-laws in this regard, but it ought to do so in the interest of Templar Masonry.

It is not wise for a Commandery to anticipate its income. There is danger, if it be done, that at some time it will find its money gone, leaving no fixed income for current expenses. It is better to collect the money each year for the uses of the year.

In this connection, your committee think it proper to call attention to the action of this grand body had in 1878:

Resolved, That the dues of subordinate Commanderies shall be payable at fixed periods, to be defined by the by-laws; that the same shall not, upon any pretense, or under any circumstances, be commuted or discounted, but shall remain a fixed and reliable source of revenue, for the payment of current expenses.

Courteously submitted,

OLIVER L. SPAULDING, WALTER G. SEELY, PARM S. DEGRAFF,

Committee.

## LANSING COMMANDERY-APPEAL.

Sir OLIVER L. SPAULDING, chairman of the special committee appointed at the last grand conclave to take charge of the appeal of Lansing Commandery, No. 25, from the action of this grand body to the Grand Encampment of the United States, at its last triennial conclave held in St. Louis, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your special committee, to whom was intrusted the matter of the appeal of Lansing Commandery, No. 25, to the Grand Encampment, from the action of this grand body in granting a charter to certain Sir Knights at Charlotte, beg leave to report:

That they represented this Grand Commandery at the meeting of the Grand Encampment at St. Louis in September last, both before the committee on grievances and appeals and on the floor of the Grand Encampment.

That said committee at first reported adversely to this Grand Commandery, and in favor of Lansing Commandery; but the Grand Encampment subsequently holding that in the matter of granting charters, the Grand Commanderies had exclusive control, and that the Grand Encampment had no jurisdiction of the appeal, the committee had leave to withdraw their report.

They subsequently reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the whole subject-matter be recommitted to the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and that the appeal be dismissed.

It will thus be seen that the matter rests as if no appeal had been taken, and that the judgment of this Grand Commandery in granting said charter is final.

Courteously submitted,

OLIVER L. SPAULDING, JOHN W. McGrath, JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,

Committee.

# SIR KNIGHT EDWARD W. KELLY.

Sir Knight OLIVER L. SPAULDING, Past Grand Commander, chairman of the special committee, to whom was referred so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's address as relates to the funeral expenses of Sir Kelly, incurred by Eagle Com-

mandery, No. 7, Painesville, Ohio, and paid by the Grand Commander, was accepted.

The report called forth much discussion, which was participated in by Sir Knights MITCHELL, BLADES, CHAMPLIN, HASTINGS, ATWATER, RANSOM, and others, when, after a full and impartial investigation had been made of the subjectmatter, it was moved by Sir Knight Wyllis C. Ransom, Past Eminent Commander, that the report be adopted, and ordered printed with the proceedings. Unanimously adopted.

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your special committee, to whom was referred so much of the R. E. Grand Commander's address as relates to the funeral expenses of our late Captain General Kelly, beg leave to report:

That they find that the Grand Commander, on learning of the sudden death of Sir Kelly, at Painesville, Ohio, sent the following telegram to Eagle Commandery, Knights Templar, of Painesville:

KALAMAZOO, MICH., Dec. 11, 1886.

EMINENT COMMANDER,

Eagle Commandery, Knights Templar, Painesville, Ohio:

Fearing I shall be unable, by pressing engagements, to attend the funeral of E. Sir Kelly, please carry out the wishes of the family, as far as consistent, and report the necessary expenses to me, and oblige,

Fraternally,

WILLIAM S. LAWRENCE.

Grand Commander.

It was not considered by the Grand Commander that the usual and ordinary funeral expenses would be charged to the Grand Commandery, and your committee fail to find authority or excuse for the bill presented to the Grand Commander on account of funeral expenses.

The fact must be noted, in this connection, that Mrs. Kelly, on arriving at Painesville, objected to unusual expense, but was overruled by the Painesville Sir Knights, who assured her that all expense would be borne by Michigan Grand Commandery. She accordingly relinquished the entire control of the funeral expenses and arrangements to them.

After the funeral, with a business promptness and fidelity that included every item of expense, they rendered the following bill to the Grand Commander, which your committee feel it would be unjust to them to keep from the record:

Casket \$	140 00
Flowers	22 50
Cowles House, board and fire	3 00
Knoll band, (from Erie)	50 00
Telegraphing	16 47
Vocal music	10 00
Work, (A. A. BISHOP)	5 00
W. H. GALLAGHER, (Prelate)	10 00
Е. Т. Воотн	9 60
Band tickets, Erie to Painesville, etc	30 40
Carriages, 'bus fare, etc	36 00

\$ 332 97

Your committee are not informed by what authority the casket was charged to this Grand Commandery; they are not informed of the necessity of the telegraphing charged in the bill, especially as our grand officers paid their own telegraph bills; they are not informed why a bill for flowers is presented, in view of the fact that Eureka Commandery, No. 3, of Hillsdale, sent two elegant floral offerings, and this Grand Commandery an elaborate floral gift, so appropriate and beautiful as to challenge the descriptive powers of the local press; they are not informed by what authority vocal music was charged to us; nor are they informed by what authority, human or divine, the Rev. Prelate of the Commandery raised contract relations with us so as to charge us just ten dollars for his services, whatever they may have been. Our Grand Commander intended to provide for certain Templar expenses, but he did not contemplate paying the entire expense of the funeral. However, the bill having been presented, he has paid it.

Had Mrs. Kelly been permitted to arrange the funeral as she thought fit, and had she incurred such usual and ordinary expenses as she deemed proper, the remaining expense would have properly come upon this grand body. Not only this, it would have cheerfully paid the entire expense, had it appeared that Mrs. Kelly could ill afford it.

But this Commandery, in presuming to make this expense, and in presenting this bill to the Grand Commander, in the opinion of your committee, disregarded both the letter and spirit of the Grand Commander's telegram, and he would have been justified in refusing to pay it in full.

But, having paid it, your committee recommend that a warrant for the amount be drawn in his favor—this grand body, at the same time, protesting that much of the bill was incurred without authority, and in violation of the confidence reposed in Eagle Commandery by our Grand Commander.

Courteously submitted,

OLIVER L. SPAULDING, GARRA B. NOBLE, LUMAN R. ATWATER,

Committee.

## TEMPLAR DEAD.

Sir Knight and Rev. Francis A. Blades, chairman of the standing committee on Templar dead, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was accepted and adopted by a rising vote, and uncovered heads:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the address of the R. E. Grand Commander, as refers to the Templar dead in this grand jurisdiction, beg leave to submit their report.

Another year has gently, moment by moment's stolen by, and we, as a Grand Commandery, and as individuals, have as steadily and as noiselessly as the flying moments, drifted down the stream of time, and from domestic, business and fraternal circles, we have seen one after another of cherished loved ones suddenly disappear from our sight, sinking beneath the waves of this ever flowing stream, and we and our friends have said, they were dead.

Of those of us who have been spared until this present time, it is true that time has been just as busy with us, gently untying the knot of life, and to-day, as we meet, we were never before so near the close of our earthly pilgrimage as we are at this hour.

And never did life seem more uncertain in its tenure than in the presence of the bereavement that calls forth these reflections; life seems less than a summer day, when mature manhood, busy with the affairs of life, can stretch far his hands and touch both his cradle and his grave.

One year ago, there stood in our midst a manly form in the pride of mature manhood, flushed with apparent health and strength, that gave promise of years to come, in which should be gathered home rich harvests of worldly gain and fraternal honors.

You by your suffrages chose him for your Grand Captain General, and commissioned him for his work. You all remember with what pride and promise he assumed the duties of his high office. No one of us then present dreamed, or for a moment thought, that that would be the last meeting of the Grand Commandery that Sir EDWARD W. KELLY would ever attend; but it was.

Without a moment's warning, on December 10, 1886, at Painesville, Ohio, while sitting in his chair cheerfully conversing with family friends, on whom he was calling, his head suddenly dropped, and in a moment he had passed from life to death; he had sunk beneath the wave, forever beyond our reach.

Thus in a moment your Grand Captain General was promoted, without your suffrages or your votes.

How startling is such an event as this—how it emphasizes your ritual, that "in the midst of life we are in death," and "be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

Such an event will make many of the members of this Grand Commandery feel that they

> "Brush the dews from Jordan's bank, The crossing must be near."

At the time of his death he was a member of Eureka Commandery, No. 3, of Hillsdale, and Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Michigan. Sir Kelly was an ardent Mason, an enthusiastic Knight Templar, and sought in his life to honor the Order that had honored him.

A manly man, he made a manly Knight Templar—which is in effect saying that in all the relations of life, in a manly, modest way, he sought to meet his responsibilities.

We loved him in life, and sincerely mourn him in death. Your committee recommend that a memorial page of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery be set apart in memoriam of Sir EDWARD W. KELLY, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

All of which is courteously submitted.

FRANCIS A. BLADES, CLARENCE W. SCOTT, LARAY MARVIN,

Committee.

## FINANCIAL.

The standing committee on finance, to whom was referred the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee on finance would respectfully report, that they have made a careful examination of the accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and find the Grand Recorder has received, during the year, the sum of \$3,310.50, from the following sources:

\$3,310 50

For which amount the Grand Treasurer has rendered his receipts.

Cash balance on hand at beginning of year		•
Total  From which deduct disbursements of Grand Treasurer, as foll		39
Pay roll of grand officers	\$ 363	00
Pay roll of other members of Grand Commandery	713	40
Warrants of Grand Recorder	2,264	50
Balance on hand, May 11, 1887	4,182	49

\$ 7,523 39

Your committee would recommend that the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars and fourteen cents, be allowed the R. E. Grand Commander, to compensate him for actual expenses incurred during the year.

Courteously submitted,

FRANK HENDERSON,
GEORGE N. STRAY,
SIMON G. WEBSTER,
Committee.

## RESOLUTION.

Sir Knight GARRA B. NOBLE, Past Grand Commander, submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized and instructed to pay Sir Knight WILLIAM F. KING, Past Deputy Grand Commander, the same per diem and mileage allowed other members of this grand body.

# NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The committee appointed to select the place for meeting of the next grand conclave, submitted the following majority and minority reports, which were accepted, and, after full discussion, majority report was adopted, and Grand Rapids selected as next place of meeting:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

We, the majority of your committee on location of next place of meeting, believing it for the best interests of the Order, would respectfully recommend that said meeting be held in the city of Grand Rapids, and in the asylum of DeMolai Commandery, this Commandery having extended us a cordial and hearty invitation so to do.

SAMUEL E. WATSON, OSCAR F. COLEMAN,

Committee.

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

I beg to offer the following minority report:

Resolved, That the next meeting of this grand body be held in the city of Detroit, on the third Tuesday of May, 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M. Said meeting to be held either in the Commandery rooms of Detroit Commandery, No. 1, or at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, which places are hereby tendered for the use of the Grand Commandery.

GEORGE W. CHANDLER.

## SPECIAL ORDER.

The hour having arrived for the special order of business, on motion of Sir GARRA B. NOBLE, Past Grand Commander, same was postponed until later in the day, to be called up at such time as the business of the conclave might warrant.

## APPEALS.

The standing committee on appeals, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee on grievances are happy to report that in this jurisdiction they have received no complaints of sins of omission or commission. That we are fast approaching the grand millenium, and that ere long, in this grand jurisdiction, the lion and the lamb will lie down together, and arise with the same innocence as when they lay down; and when this is a fact accomplished, your committee will have it recorded in letters of gold and heralded to the innocents abroad.

Courteously submitted,

HUGH McCURDY, CHARLES W. BACKUS, WILLIAM A. MASKER.

Committee

## COMMITTEES CONTINUED.

On motion, it was resolved that the committees on tactics and drill, and upon the appointment of an Inspector General, as recommended in the annual address of the R. E. Grand Commander, be continued for one year, and that they be requested to be prepared to report at that time.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The standing committee on unfinished business, submitted the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee on unfinished business respectfully report, that they find no unfinished business to consider.

Courteously submitted,

LORENZO T. DURAND, SAMUEL C. RANDALL, W. W. NICHOLS,

Committee.

## KNIGHTLY RESOLUTION.

Sir Knight Jefferson S. Conover, who was chairman of the special committee at last grand conclave, on Lansing Commandery appeal, arose in his seat and asked the indulgence of the grand body in giving an explanation of that part of his report implying censure to Sir Knight Leland H. Briggs, Eminent Commander of Lansing Commandery; and in a most manly and Knightly manner, Sir Conover disclaimed any intention on his part to do anything to wound the feelings of any Sir Knight, particularly Sir Knight Briggs, and if anything had been allowed to go upon the record, in the great hurry incident to getting up a report of that length in so short a time, and surrounded by so many things tending to distract the mind, it was not his intention, far less his desire, and as an earnest of that fact, he offered the following resolution, and asked its adoption by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the resolution of censure of E. Sir LELAND H. BRIGGS, of Lansing Commandery, No. 25, adopted at the last annual conclave of this grand body, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

Unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Sir Knight Wyllis C. Ransom, Past Eminent Commander of Lansing Commandery, acknowledged the Knightly act of Sir Conover, and made some most beautiful remarks, consigning the differences to the dead past, and pledging his Commandery to every deed of Knightly consideration.

Sir OLIVER L. SPAULDING, Past Grand Commander, also feelingly spoke on this same subject, and expressed great joy at the termination of the "late unpleasantness."

All were rejoiced at the termination of this affair, and that all differences were at an end, and peace, thrice blessed, peace, reigns once more throughout the jurisdiction. "May it be ever thus."

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion of Sir Knight LORENZO T. DURAND, it was resolved that the Grand Commandery now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The R. E. Grand Commander then announced the following Sir Knights as Tellers:

Sir Luman R. Atwater, P. G. C.

Sir LORENZO T. DURAND, E. C.

Sir Albert Stiles, P. E. C.

Sir LaRay Marvin, E. C.

Who proceeded with the work, and after a careful count of the ballots, announced the following Sir Knights as having received the highest number of votes for the several offices designated, whereupon the R. E. Grand Commander declared them elected, as follows:

Sir THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, Jackson, R. E. Grand Commander.

Sir CHARLES P. BIGELOW, Big Rapids, V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.

Sir JOHN A. GEROW, Marshall, E. Grand Generalissimo.

Sir WILLIAM G. DOTY, Ann Arbor, E. Grand Captain General.

Sir and Rev. Francis A. Blades, Detroit, E. Grand Prelate.

Sir EDWARD C. SMITH, Pontiac, E. Grand Senior Warden.

Sir JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, Coldwater, E. Grand Junior Warden.

Sir H. SHAW NOBLE, Monroe, E. Grand Treasurer.

Sir WILLIAM P. INNES, P. G. C., Grand Rapids, E. Grand Recorder.

Sir HENRY L. ANTHONY, Sturgis, E. Grand Standard Bearer.

Sir CHARLES H. POMEROY, Bay City, E. Grand Sword Bearer.

Sir WILLIAM E. JEWETT, Adrian, E. Grand Warder.

Sir ALEXANDER McGREGOR, Detroit, E. Grand Sentinel.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Sir Sanford Hunt offered the following resolutions, which were accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to procure and present R. E. Sir WILLIAM S. LAWRENCE an appropriate Past Grand Commander's jewel, as a token of the appreciation of this Grand Commandery of the zeal with which he has discharged his duties the past year, and as an earnest of their good wishes for his future welfare.

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred dollars be paid the Grand Recorder for services, office rent, and clerk hire the past year.

Resolved, That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid the Grand Sentinel for services during this conclave, in addition to the per diem and mileage paid Representatives.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be instructed to have the usual number of proceedings of this conclave printed and distributed.

Resolved, That the Grand Recorder be authorized to draw a warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the foregoing amounts.

## UNIFORM.

Sir Knight George E. Pantlind, Past Eminent Commander, chairman of the special committee on uniform, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and, after being read as a whole, was taken up, section by section; after very much discussion, and proposed amendments, upon motion of Sir Knight William B. Wilson, Past Grand Commander, the entire subject-matter was laid upon the table for one year:

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K. T. of Michigan:

Your committee on uniform would most respectfully report, that they have had under careful consideration for a great length of time, the subject-matter referred to them, and beg leave to report the following as the result of their labors, submitting the same for your consideration, and recommending its adoption:

COATS.

For Sir Knights, a single-breasted, black, broad-cloth frock coat, nine buttons in front, and two on the back seams at the height of the waist; the skirt to extend within one inch of the knee; the buttons to be black prunelle, flat half round; the cuffs to be three and one-half inches deep, and parallel with the lower edge of the sleeve; the two buttons on the back seams to be one-half the size of those in front, and one inch apart. Standing collar one and one-fourth inches in height, or to rise sufficiently to allow the chin to turn easily. The opening of the collar in front to be three-fourth inch at the upper

edge. Grand, Past Grand, Eminent and Past Eminent Commanders, maywear the same coat as above described, or made double-breasted.

## CHAPEAU.

Black, regulation beaver, trimmed as follows: On the left side a plain, perpendicular, scarlet, Latin cross, three inches by two, without rosette, silver, or other trimmings; two black ostrich plumes, and one white ostrich plume; the white plume not to exceed three inches wide, extending to within two inches of the back end of the chapeau, and placed above the two black plumes. The black plumes to overlap the sides one-fourth inch, and extend beyond the back end of the chapeau not further than two inches. The frame of the chapeau to be of felt, the front and rear peaks to extend four and one-half inches from the head; the side of the chapeau to be beveled, and one inch smaller at the top than at the head.

Grand and Past Grand officers the same as above, except a gilt Maltese cross in place of Latin cross, and trimmed with gilt lace diagonally across both sides of the peaks, one and one-eighth inches in width, with a gold fringe on the upper side of the front peak.

Eminent and Past Eminent Commanders the same as Grand and Past Grand officers, except a Passion instead of a Maltese cross.

# FATIGUE CAP.

Black silk, trimmed as follows: Navy black silk band one and one-half inches wide; two white metal buttons to fasten the black patent leather straps, and on the middle front of the crown a Latin cross the same as on the chapeau, except two by one and one-half inches. The visor to be of black patent leather.

Grand and Past Grand officers the same as above, except a gold Maltesecross instead of a Latin cross, and a gold lace band in place of the black silk.

Eminent and Past Eminent Commanders the same as Grand and Past' Grand officers, except a Passion instead of a Maltese cross.

BALDRIC.

We recommend its abolition.

CUFFS.

We recommend their abolition.

SWORD.

White ivory handle, with small link chain from hilt to guard; handle tobe ornamented with a Passion cross and monogram; the blade to be of the best steel, ornamented in fine gilt, and the name of the owner to be etched on the same. The scabbard to be of steel, silver plated and ornamented. with three white metal mountings with the name of the owner upon the same. The length of the sword is to be determined from the position of parade rest. Grand officers, Past Grand officers, Eminent and Past Eminent Commanders, the same as above, except gold plated.

## BELT.

Vermillion red morocco, to be stitched in double rows; the width, one and three-fourth inches, with a white metal buckle; the buckle to be oval-shaped. Commanderies may have name and number on the face of the buckle.

Two short, white, metal or silver chains to support the sword.

The clasps to be shield shaped.

Grand officers, Past Grand officers, Eminent Commanders and Past Eminent Commanders, to be same as above, except gold plated.

## GLOVES.

Buff color and lisle thread, except mounted Commanderies, who may wear gauntlets.

SHIRT COLLARS.

White standing collar, to show above coat collar.

PANTALOONS.

Black broadcloth or doeskin.

## CAPE.

A circular beaver cape with black lining; the collar to be of black velvet, and turned down; and the cape to be buttoned in front by three black buttons.

The cape to extend two inches below the fingers of the arm extended.

# FULL DRESS UNIFORM.

Coat, chapeau, belt, sword, gloves and pantaloons as prescribed above.

# FATIGUE.

Coat, cap, belt, sword, gloves and pantaloons as prescribed above for asylum work. Commanderies for street and traveling purposes, may wear a "pilgrim hat."

GEORGE E. PANTLIND, ALBERT STILES, EUGENE ROBINSON,

Committee.

## THANKS.

Sir WITTER J. BAXTER, Past Eminent Commander, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Commandery are due, and hereby tendered, to the Sir Knights of DeMolai Commandery, for the use of their elegant asylum, and for their Knightly kindness extended to the officers and representatives; also, for the most able manner in which they exemplified the work of the Temple as laid down in the new ritual.

Resolved, That the thanks of the officers and members of the Grand Commandery are tendered to the citizens of Grand Rapids for the many kindnesses extended to us as a grand body, and as individual Sir Knights.

Resolved, That our thanks are particularly due to Sir Knight HENRY F. HASTINGS, Past Eminent Commander, for the hospitality so lavishly bestowed upon one and and all, and that the ladies who aided so handsomely Sir HASTINGS and his wife, are entitled to many thanks, and same are hereby tendered them.

Resolutions adopted unanimously, by a rising vote.

# HOUR OF NEXT MEETING.

Sir Knight George W. Chandler, Past Grand Commander, moved to fix the hour for meeting of next grand conclave at 2 P. M., which motion was amended to make the hour 10 A. M., and on vote being taken, same prevailed. So that next meeting will be held on third Tuesday in May, at 10 A. M., in asylum of DeMolai Commandery, No. 5, Grand Rapids.

# INSTALLATION.

The R. E. Grand Commander requested Sir Knight Garra B. Noble, Past Grand Commander, to install the officers elect, which he kindly consented to do, and appointed Sir Knight George W. Chandler, Past Grand Commander, to act as Grand Marshal, whereupon the officers were installed; and after taking the vow of office, repaired to their several stations, and assumed their respective duties.

The Grand Recorder announced that there was no further business before the Grand Commandery, whereupon the Grand Commander, THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, proceeded to close the

Grand Commandery in *Ample Form*, divine benediction being invoked by the Sir Knights, who were led in solemn devotion by the Grand Prelate.



THOMAS H. WILLIAMS.

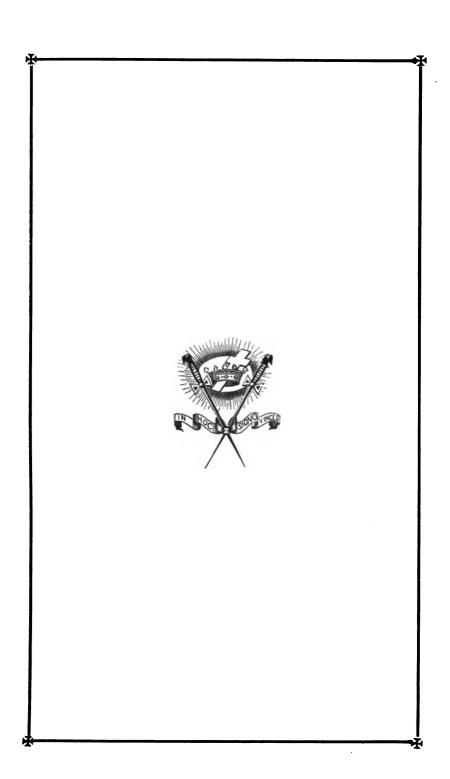
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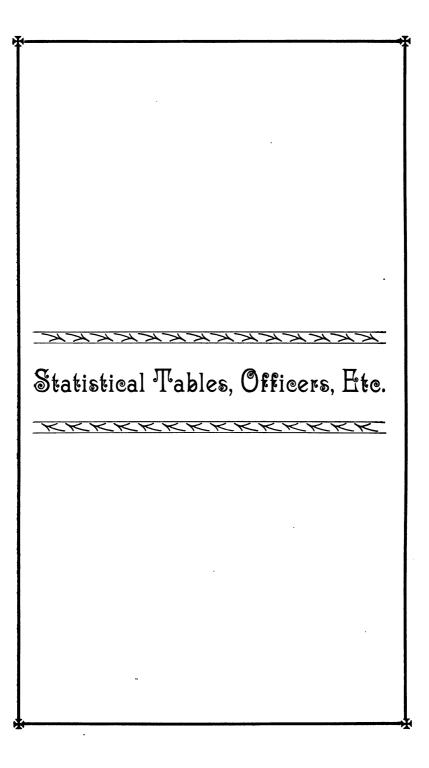
ATTEST:

WILLIAM P. INNES,

E. Grand Recorder.

The next conclave will be held on the third Tuesday in May next, being the 15th day of May, 1888, commencing at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M., at Masonic Temple, in the city of Grand Rapids.





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YEAR.	GRAND COMMANDER.	DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.	GRAND GENERALISSIMO.	GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.	GRAND PRELATE.
1857	John Gilbert, Jr	*E. D. Cone	William P. Innes	*James Darrah	Rev. D. C. Jacokes
1858	*Nathaniel P. Jacobs	William P. Innes	*Francis Darrow	Theron A. Flower	Rev. D. C. Jacokes
1859	*Nathaniel P. Jacobs	William P. Innes	*Francis Darrow	*John Clark	‡Rev. D. S. Lumsden
1860	William P. Innes	*Francis Darrow	*John Clark	Luman R. Atwater	Rev. D. Burnham Tracy
1861	*Francis Darrow	*John Clark	Luman R. Atwater	D. Burnham Tracy	Rev. D. Brayton Lyon
1862	*John Clark	Luman R. Atwater	D. Burnham Tracy	Benjamin Porter	Rev. D. Brayton Lyon
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1864	Benjamin Porter	George A. Fitch	Garra B. Noble	*Seamon L. Dart	A. J. Eldred
1865	Garra B. Noble	*Seamon L. Dart	Edward D. Benedict	William F. King	John H. Armstrong
1866	*Seamon L. Dart	Edward D. Benedict	William F. King	John H. Armstrong	Charles J. Kruger
1867	Edward D. Benedict	William F. King	John H. Armstrong	Charles J. Kruger	Rev. William Stowe
1888	John H. Armstrong	Theron A. Flower	Augustine G. Hibbard	John L. Mitchell	Rev. William Stowe
1839	Theron A. Flower	John L. Mitchell	David Bovee	Lewis C. Starkey	*Rev. Israel Coggshall
1870	John L. Mitchell	David Bovee	Lewis C. Starkey	Ellery I. Garfield	*Rev. Israel Coggshall
1871	*Irving M. Smith	Lewis C. Starkey	Oliver L. Spaulding	Ellery 1. Garfield	Rev. A. J. Davis
1872	Oliver L. Spaulding	Ellery I. Garfield	Leonard H. Randall	Salmon S. Matthews	Rev. A. J. Davis
1873	Ellery I. Garfield	Leonard H. Randall	Salmon S. Matthews	Samuel C. Randall	Rev. A. J. Davis
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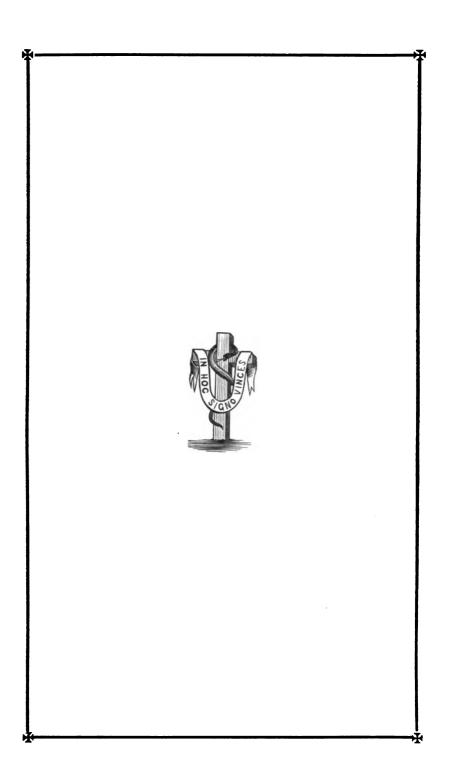
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YEAR.	GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.	GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.	GRAND TREASURER.	GRAND RECORDER.	DATE OF MEETING.
1857	\$George W. Wilson	Theron A. Flower	*William Barclay	‡Thomas Anderson	April 7
1858	Luman R. Atwater	•John Clark	*William Barclay	§George W. Wilson	June 1
1859	Luman R. Atwater	Theron A. Flower	*William Barclay	§George W. Wilson	June 7
1860	tA. B. Ayres	Franklin T. Eddy	*William Barclay	&George W. Wilson	June 5
1861	tA. B. Ayres	*Seamon L. Dart	*William Barclay	&George W. Wilson	June 4
1862	tA. B. Ayres	Alonzo Noble	*William Barclay	&George W. Wilson	June 3
1863	Theron A. Flower	*Seamon L. Dart	*William Barclay	§George W. Wilson	June 2
1864	Edward D. Benedict	William F. King	*William Barclay	Oliver Bourke	June 7
1865	Charles J. Kruger	John L. Mitchell	*William Barclay	Oliver Bourke	June 6
1866	John L. Mitchell	David Bovee	*William Barclay	Oliver Bourke	June 5
1867	John L. Mitchell	David Bovee	*William Barclay	Oliver Bourke	June 4
1868	David Bovee	Lewis C. Starkey	*William Barclay	Oliver Bourke	June 2
1869	John Goldsmith, Jr	*Carlos G. Curtis	*William Barclay	Oliver Bourke	June 1
1870	*Carlos G. Curtis	*Irving M. Smith	*William Barclay	Oliver Bourke	June 7
1871	Leonard H. Randall	Samuel C. Randall	Martin S. Smith	William P. Innes	June 6
1872	Samuel C. Randall	*Richard J. Carney	Martin S. Smith	William P. Innes	June4
1873	*Richard J. Carney	*Charles E. Grisson	Martin S. Smith	William P. Innes	June 3
1874	George W. Baker	James H. Kidd	Martin S. Smith	William P. Innes	June 2
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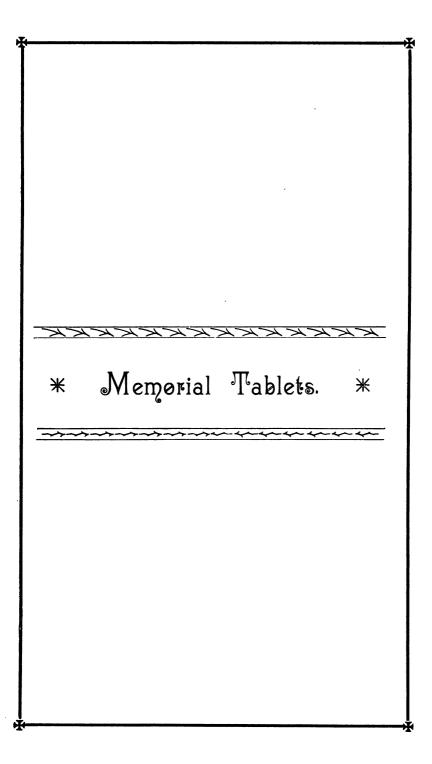
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GRAND TREASURER.	Martin S. Smith	Martin S. Smith	Martin S. Smith	Martin S. Smith	Martin S. Smith	Martin S. Smith	H. Shaw Noble	H. Shaw Noble	H. Shaw Noble	H. Shaw Noble	H. Shaw Noble	H. Shaw Noble	H. Shaw Noble
Grand Junior Warden.	William B. Wilson	Robert G. Chandler	*James B. Newton	*Charles E. Grisson	*Edward W. Kelly	Heman N. Moore	R. Allen Hall	John R. Bennett	William S. Lawrence	Charles P. Bigelow	John A. Gerow	William G. Doty	Jefferson S. Conover
GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.	Frank Henderson	William B. Wilson	Robert G. Chandler	George W. Chandler	*Charles E. Grisson	*Edward W. Kelly	Heman N. Moore	R. Allen Hall	John R. Bennett	Thomas H. Williams	Charles P. Bigelow	John A. Gerow	Edward C. Smith
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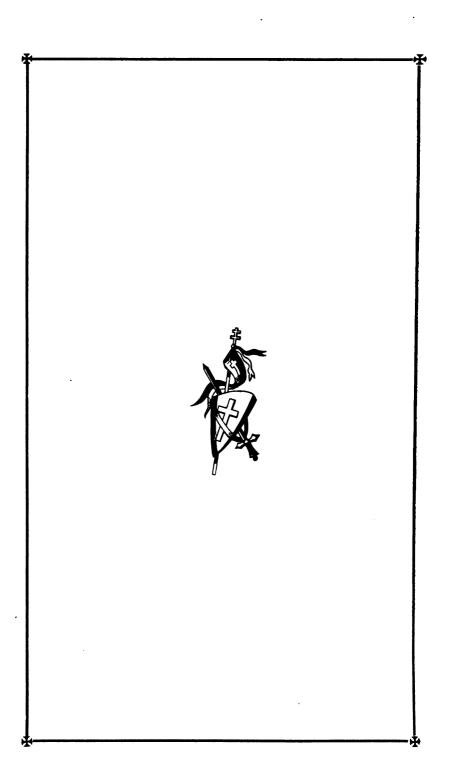
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STATES.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. GRAND RECORDER.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN COR- RESPONDENCE.
Alabama	December 1, 1862	Daniel Smith, Mobile	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery
Arkansas	March 25, 1872	Philip D. McCullach, Hot Springs	James Austin Henry, Little Rock	No committee
California	August 10, 1958	Reuben Hedley Lloyd, San Francisco	Thos. Hubbard Caswell, SanFrancisco	Thos. HubbardCaswell, San Francisco
Colorado	March 14, 1876	Aaron Gove, Denver	Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown	Harper M. Orahood, Denver
Connecticut	September 18, 1827	Fred H. Waldron, New Haven	Joseph Kellogg Wheeler, Hartford	Joseph Kellogg Wheeler, Hartford
Dakota	May 14, 1884	Daniel S. Glidden, Sioux Falls	Bruce M. Rowley, Huron	W. H. H. Beadle, Yankton
Georgia	April 25, 1860	Thomas Ballantyne, Savannah	Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah	Roland B. Hall, Macon
Illinois	October 27, 1857	Wilbur Fisk Bromfield, Lincoln	Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago	Henry Collings Ranney, Chicago
Indiana	May 16, 1854	Henry C. Adams, Indianapolis	John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis	Nicholas R. Ruckle, Indianapolis
Iowa	June 16, 1864	Almon R. Dewey, Washington	John C. Parish, Des Moines	T. R. Ercanbrack, Anamosa
Kansas	December 29, 1868	Henry C. Cook, Oswego	John H. Brown, Wyandotte	John H. Brown, Wyandotte
Kentucky	October 5, 1847	Henry G. Sandifer, Danville	Lorenzo Dow Croninger, Covington.	Charles R. Woodruff, Louisville
Louisiana	February 4, 1864	J. G. McWilliams, Shreveport	Richard Lambert, New Orleans	Joseph P. Horner, New Orleans
Maine	May 5, 1852	William J. Burnham, Lewiston	Ira Berry, Portland	Stephen Berry, Portland
Maryland	January 28, 1871	Charles W. Hatter, Baltimore	Charles T. Sisco, Baltimore	F. J. S. Gorgas, Baltimore
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	May 6, 1805	Edward P. Chapin, Springfield	Edward P. Chapin, Springfield Alfred F. Chapman, Boston	Alfred F. Chapman, Boston

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Michigan	January 25, 1857 October 28, 1865	Thomas H. Williams, Jackson Henry Birkett, Owatonna	William P. Innes, Grand Rapids A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul	William P. Innes, Grand Rapids A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul
Mississippi	January <b>22, 1857</b> May <b>22, 186</b> 0	B. A. Vaughan, Columbus Joseph S. Browne, St. Joseph	John L. Power, Jackson	E. George DeLap, Natchez
Nebraska	December 28, 1871 August 22, (1821) 1860.	Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City Charles Newell Towle, Concord	William R. Bowen, Omaha George P. Cleaves, Concord	No committee
New Jersey	February 14, 1860 June 18, 1840	Isaac S. Roberts, Lambertville Joseph A. Johnson, Ilion	Charles Bechtel, Trenton	Charles Bechtel, Trenton
North Carolina	May 10, 1881	Donald W. Bain, Raleigh La Fayette Lyttle, Toledo	Horace H. Munson, Wilmington John N. Bell, Dayton	No committee
Oregon		James F. Robinson, Eugene City	Freion J. Babcock, Salem.	No committee
Fennsylvania Tennessee	April 11, 1844 October 12, 1859	George S. Graham, Philadelphia Henry Clay Hensley, Nashville	Charles E. Meyer, Philadelphia Wilbur Fisk Foster, Nashville	William J. Kelly, Philadelphia Wilbur Fisk Foster, Nashville
Texas	January 19, 1855 August 14, (1824), 1881.	T. U. Lubback, Houston	Robert Brewster, Houston	John C. McCoy, Dallas
Virginia	November 27, 1822	Wm. Henry Harrison Lynn, Staunton	William B. Isaacs, Richmond	William B. Isaacs, Richmond

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN COR- RESPONDENCE.	George Davis. William C. Swain, Milwaukee. No committee
NAME AND ADDRESS OF E. GRAND RECORDER.	R. C. Dunnington, Fairmont John W. Laffin, Milwaukee William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Va Daniel Spry, Barrie, Ontario W.Tinkler, 22 Chancery Lane, London
NAME AND ADDRESS OF R. E. GRAND COMMANDER.	Alexander Parks, Martinsburg Jeremiah Watts, Racine Charles Roome, New York City W. J. B. MacLeod Moore, Prescott, Ont Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, London
DATE OF Organization.	February 25, 1874 October 28, 1859 June 21, 1616 October 9, 1876
STATES.	West Virginia Wisconsin Grand Encampment Great Priory, Canada. Great Priory England ( and Wales)









"And ever near us, though unseen, The dear immortal spirits tread; For all the boundless universe Is life; there is no dead."



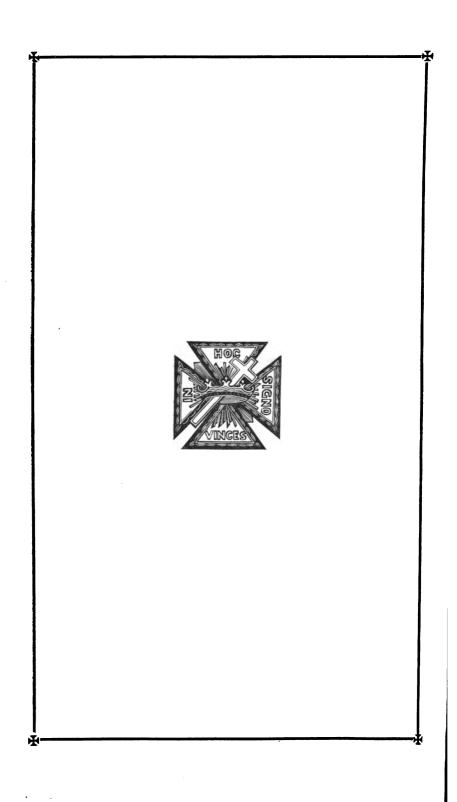
"Life is but a passing day,
No lip can tell how brief its span."





"There is no death; The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jewelled crown
They shine forever more."







# Correspondence.



To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

OUR Committee depart from their usual custom of writing an extended report on correspondence, and in lieu thereof, attach, as an addenda to the transactions of the Grand Conclave, the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States, and that of our own State, together with Ascension and Bur-

ial Services as adopted by our jurisdiction. We were led to this departure by the continued call upon the Grand Recorder for this kind of information, and with a desire that all within the grand jurisdiction should receive it.

It has been our pleasure to receive and read carefully the transactions of the following sister Grand Commanderies, as also the Grand Encampment of the United States:

Alabama1886	England and Wales1886
California 1886	Georgia
Canada1886	Illinois1886
Colorado1886	Iowa1886
Connecticut1886	Kansas1886
Dakota1886	Kentucky1886

# CORRESPONDENCE.

Louisiana1887	New Jersey1886
Maine 1886	New York 1886
Maryland1886	Ohio 1886
Massachusetts – Rhode Island. 1886	Pennsylvania1886
Minnesota1886	Tennessee
Missouri 1886	Texas1886
Mississippi 1886	Vermont1886
Nebraska1886	Virginia 1886
New Hampshire 1886	Wisconsin



# ALABAMA.

HE twenty-sixth annual conclave was held in the city of Montgomery, May 19, A.D. 1886, A.O. 768.

Four subordinate Commanderies represented.

JURISPRUDENCE.

The Grand Commandery adopted the following very proper report of the committee on jurisprudence:

In view of the above enactments of the Grand Chapter of this State, and of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, we are forced to the conclusion that, suspension in Lodge or Chapter for any cause, suspends a Sir Knight in his Commandery without any action of his Commandery other than simply noting on their books the suspension that has taken place in his Lodge or Chapter.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Daniel Smith, Mobile, elected Grand Commander. Sir Daniel Sayre, Montgomery, re-elected Grand Recorder.

#### OBITUARY.

The following general order gives notice of the death of a most estimable Mason and sincere friend. Peace to his ashes:

MONTGOMERY, February 22, 1887.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2.

To the Sir Knights of Alabama:

SIR KNIGHTS—The pall of death has fallen on the Order of Knighthood in our State, casting a gloom throughout our Order.

Past Grand Commander, Peleg Brown, breathed his last, at his home in New Berlin, Chenango county, New York, at 5 o'clock yesterday evening, 21st inst., in the eighty-first year of his age.

It is therefore ordered, that the several Commanderies in this State be suitably draped in mourning until the next annual conclave of the State, and that the Asylum of the Grand Commandery at its next annual conclave be

draped in suitable mourning, expressive of our sorrow at our great loss, and that the execution of this order is made the duty of the Captains General of the several Commanderies, and the Grand Captain General respectively.

By order of

DANIEL SMITH,

R. E. Grand Commander.

DANIEL SAYRE,

Grand Recorder.



## CALIFORNIA.

HE twenty-eighth annual conclave was held in San Francisco, April 29, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Twenty-three subordinate Commanderies represented.

Transactions are local in character.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The feature of the proceedings is the report on correspondence. It is Caswell's, and that speaks its value. The whole number of pages of the transactions is one hundred and forty-seven; Caswell's report, one hundred and fourteen, and brim-full of good things.

# OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir REUBEN HEDLEY LLOYD, San Francisco, elected Grand Commander.

Sir THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco, re-elected Grand Recorder.

## CANADA.

HE third annual assembly was held at Windsor, July 13, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Twenty-three subordinate preceptories represented.

#### DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Among the distinguished visitors present appears the name of our lamented friend and Sir Knight, THEODORE T. GURNEY, of Illinois.

#### GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

As usual the address of Sir William J. B. MacLeod Moore is a volume within itself. It is indeed "Multum in Parvo."

#### AN EDICT.

The following speaks for itself, and with no uncertain sound:

Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, of the United Religious and Military Orders of the Temple, and St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta.

Supreme Grand Master's Office, Prescott, Ont., October 27, 1885.

To all Knights Templar in Obedience to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada:

Whereas, the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada was duly formed at Toronto, on July 8, 1884. by the representatives of all the Preceptories but one, (see proceedings of 1884, pages six and seven,) then existing in the Dominion of Canada, in National Great Priory assembled; and that Preceptory, before the last Annual Assembly of this Sovereign Great Priory, enrolled itself under the banner of the Sovereign Great Priory;

Whereas, this Sovereign Great Priory there declared itself to be the sole legally-constituted Sovereign Grand Templar Body, exercising absolute and supreme jurisdiction over the whole Dominion of Canada, in all matters relating to the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, and Appendant Orders.

Whereas, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of Convent-General of the United Order of the Temple and Malta, and the Hon. J. E.WITHERS, the M. E. the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States, have recognized this Sovereign Great Priory as being lawfully constituted;

Whereas, notwithstanding these circumstances, there exists in the Province of New Brunswick, two Encampments of Knights Templar, namely, the St. John Encampment, at St. John, and St. Stephen Encampment, at St. Stephen, within the territory of this Sovereign Great Priory, which do not recognize its authority, but continue to hold allegiance to a foreign body, the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple for Scotland, and profess to obey its behests, and persist in violating this territory of the Sovereign Great Priory;

Whereas, at the Annual Assembly of this Sovereign Great Priory, held at Hamilton, Ontario, on July 7. 1885, it was unanimously

Resolved, That from and after the passing of these resolutions, all Templar intercourse between Fratres owing allegiance to the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, and members of the said Encampments of St. John and St. Stephen, working under the authority of the Chapter General of Scotland, is prohibited; and the said Encampments are hereby declared to be irregular and clandestine; and all persons hereafter made, or attempted to be made Knights Templar, Knights of Malta, and appendant Orders, in the said Encampments, are illegal and clandestine.

Resolved, That hereafter no Preceptory of this jurisdiction shall, without the consent of the Sovereign Great Priory, admit as a visitor, or receive as a member, any person who is now or may hereafter become a member of either of the said Encampments, now working in New Brunswick, under authority of the Chapter General of Scotland.

Resolved, That the Grand Chancellor notify the Preceptories and Priories working under the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, the Grand Commanderies of the several States and Territories; the Convent General of England and Wales, and its dependencies, and the Great Priories of England and Ireland, of this our solemn act and declaration of non-intercourse with the Scottish Encampments of Knights Templar, and all members thereof, now working in the said Province of New Brunswick.

THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN TO YOU, that I, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, and appendant Orders, and by virtue of the action of this Sovereign Great Priory, do hereby declare and proclaim all Encampments, Commanderies, Preceptories, and Priories, holding allegiance to any Foreign Grand Templar Body, to be irregularly and illegally existing in the Dominion of Canada; and I hereby further declare and PROCLAIM ALL TEMPLAR INTERCOURSE TO BE SUSPENDED, and to cease, between this Sovereign Great Priory and its subordinate Preceptories, and all Knights Templar in obedience thereto, and such other Templar bodies, and all members in obedience thereto, holding allegiance to any Foreign Grand Templar Body.

AND ALL KNIGHTS TEMPLAR acknowledging the authority of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada are hereby commanded to hold no intercourse, as Knights Templar, with any member or members of any Templar body existing in the Dominion of Canada, enrolled on the Register of any Foreign Grand Templar Body, or owing allegiance thereto.

And this Edict is to remain in full force and effect until revoked by the Sovereign Great Priory, of which all Knights Templar of this obedience will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Sovereign Great Priory, at Prescott, Province of Ontario, Canada, October 7, A. O. 767, A. D. 1885.

‡W. J. B. MACLEOD MOORE, G. C. T.,

Supreme Grand Master, United Orders of the

Temple and Malta, in Canada.

Attest,

†DANIEL SPRY,

Grand Chancellor of the United Order.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir William J. B. MacLeod Moore, Prescott, Supreme Grand Master.

Sir Daniel Spry, Barrie, Grand Chancellor.



## COLORADO.

HE eleventh annual conclave was held in the city of Denver, October 8, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Thirteen subordinate Commanderies represented.

THE CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

The following amendment to the constitution was adopted:

The committee add that no dispensations should be issued for Commanderies under dispensation without each applicant be clear on the books of his Commandery to the date of the next annual Grand Conclave, or present a dimit.

GRANT'S TACTICS.

The "Grant's Tactics" were adopted for use within the jurisdiction.

#### MICHIGAN.

Under the review of Michigan we quote the following from committee on correspondence:

We took occasion last year earnestly to protest against the practice of any Grand Commandery granting a dispensation for a new Commandery, or granting a charter for a Commandery which had not previously worked under dispensation, conferred the Orders, made proper report, and the charter recommended by a proper committee.

We then said such practice would almost inevitably lead to trouble and discord. Such was the result in this case. It gave the Grand Commander, and at least two subordinate Commanderies, trouble during the year; it received attention from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; it elicited a report from a special committee at this Conclave, occupying more than twenty closely-printed pages; it called out speeches and discussion, and we cannot help believing it engendered bitter feelings that will not soon be allayed.

In the language of our report last year:

In our opinion, a result naturally to be expected from such a proceeding.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Aaron Gove, Denver, elected Grand Commander.

Sir Ed. C. Parmelee, Georgetown, re-elected Grand Recorder.



# CONNECTICUT.

HE forty-ninth annual conclave was held in Hartford, March 16, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Eleven subordinate Commanderies represented.

No report on correspondence.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Fred H. Waldron, New Haven, elected Grand Commander.

Sir Joseph Kellogg Wheeler, Hartford, re-elected Grand Recorder.

# DAKOTA.

HE third annual conclave was held at Watertown, May 11, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Seven subordinate Commanderies represented.

## THE PROCEEDINGS.

Nothing of general interest came before this body, although many matters of local character were disposed of.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Daniel S. Glidden, Sioux Falls, elected Grand Commander.

Sir Bruce M. Rowley, Huron, re-elected Grand Recorder.



## ENGLAND AND WALES.

ROCEEDINGS of the Great Priory, under date May 14, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768, contain a full muster roll of officers, et cetera.

## THE COUNCIL'S REPORT.

We quote from the report of the Council the following: Very High and Eminent Great Prior:

Your Council has, with great regret, to report the death, on February 26, last, of the Senior Provincial Prior, Very Eminent Sir Knight HENRY C. VERNON, in command of the Province of Worcestershire.

You have been pleased to appoint, by Patent, dated April 28, instant, as his successor, the Provincial Sub-Prior, Very Eminent Sir Knight Augustus Frederick Godson.

The Excelsior Preceptory, attached to the first battalion twenty-first Fusiliers, having been in abeyance for the last twelve years, in consequence of

the deaths of the members and changes in the officers of the regiment, the warrant has been returned to headquarters by the sole surviving member, Lieut.-Colonel F. A. Jackson, through the hands of your Great Sub-Prior, Colonel Shadwell Clerke, who formerly held a command in the battalion, and was one of the petitioners for the warrant.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Right Honorable The EARL of LATHOM, G. C. T., Great Prior.

W. TINKLER, 22 Chancery Lane, London, W. C., Vice Chancellor.



## GEORGIA.

HE twenty-fifth annual conclave was held in Augusta, May 18, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Eight subordinate Commanderies represented.

## AMENDED.

The following amendment was made to the regulations:

Resolved, That when Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery are personally present at the annual Conclaves, they shall be entitled to draw pay for their expenses, same as the officers of the Grand Commandery.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir ROLAND B. HALL writes the report on correspondence. We congratulate the Sir Knight on his restoration to health, and wish him continued enjoyment of that greatest of blessings.

# OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir THOMAS BALLANTYNE, Savannah, re-elected Grand Commander.

Sir Samuel P. Hamilton, Savannah, re-elected Grand Recorder.

## ILLINOIS.

HE thirtieth annual conclave was held in Chicago, October 26, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Fifty-three subordinate Commanderies represented.

NECROLOGICAL.

The Grand Commander thus refers to the death of an old and respected member of his Grand Commandery:

P. R. E. G. C. GEORGE CROMWELL LANPHERE, died at his home in Galesburg, July 6, 1886, at the ripe age of seventy-two years. In all the departments of life in which he had rendered service, he had proved himself faithful and true, and as a result he died beloved and lamented by all who knew him. My personal acquaintance with him was slight, but I judged him to be a man of great simplicity of character, and perfectly pure in his habits and intents. He was unostentatious and retiring in his manner, and sensitive in spirit. Such men in a busy, bustling world like ours, are not apt to receive the full meed of praise due them; but, silently they exert an influence for good in the circle of their acquaintanceship only appreciated when they are To such an one, death can only be gain. He needs no one to mourn for him. It is for the immediate circle of relatives and friends, and for ourselves, that we should mourn. Sir Knights, let us imitate those amiable traits of character of which he was possessed, and emulate the virtues which adorned his life. I recommend that a page be set apart to his memory in our next published proceedings. I have no doubt a more fitting report of the life and character of our deceased Past Grand Commander will be made by your committee on Templar dead; and they will also report the decease of other honored Fraters in this and other grand jurisdictions.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Sir RANNEY says of the Grand Encampment:

The session of the Grand Encampment closed on Friday, 6:30 P. M. The attendance was good, especially during the election for Grand Master; the feeling was harmonious, and a large amount of business was transacted. The noise on the first day from machinery seriously interfered with business, and a resolution was passed to engage other quarters, but this trouble was remedied during the remainder of the session. But we'submit that the place

of meeting was absolutely unfit for the purpose of a business meeting; a large hall or theatre, capable of holding two thousand or two thousand five hundred people, to accommodate about two hundred Knights; seats crowded together; no facilities for writing or for committee meetings; acoustic bad, and the hall terribly hot and poorly ventilated, and too far away from the hotels.

A "UNIFORM" UNIFORM.

The uniform question was settled by the adoption of the report of the committee on that subject, and we congratulate our sister Illinois on the attainment of this object—a "uniform" uniform.

#### THE CONSTITUTION AMENDED.

The following amendments were made to the constitution:

*Provided*, That a dispensation shall not be granted for any new Commandery, unless there are two or more Royal Arch Chapters in the proposed jurisdiction.

"Of the Commandery nearest the place where the new one is to be stationed;" and substitute the following: "Of all Commanderies whose jurisdiction shall be thereby curtailed."

Such petition *must* be presented at a stated conclave, when it shall be referred to a committee of three, who may report at next stated conclave; the report must be in writing; the character of which report, whether favorable or unfavorable, shall not be entered upon the minutes; but no ballot can be had until the expiration of four weeks from the date of presentation, unless by *written* permission of the Grand Commander; and *provided*, that request to dispense with the constitutional limit as to time, must be adopted at a stated conclave of the Commandery.

The petition of one who has been rejected, cannot be renewed, until at least six months after such rejection.

Objections to a petitioner who has been elected to receive the Orders of Knighthood shall have the same force as a rejection of his application.

By concurrent jurisdiction is meant, that the territorial jurisdiction exercised by one Commandery is the common property of all, and the jurisdiction of all extends half way from the Commandery nearest the extreme limit of the city or town to the nearest Commandery outside said concurrent jurisdiction. And any one of these Commanderies may receive the petition of any Royal Arch Mason within said jurisdiction, and act thereon, or may waive the same at the request of a Commandery outside of said territory.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir Knight RANNEY, always kind and genial, is particularly

so as a writer on correspondence. His report is a large volume and does credit to his head and heart. Michigan receives fraternal notice.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir WILBUR FISK BROMFIELD, Lincoln, elected Grand Commander.

Sir GILBERT W. BARNARD, Chicago, re-elected Grand Recorder.

#### OBITUARY.

We quote the following general order upon the death of our beloved Gurney:

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ILLINOIS, LINCOLN, ILLINOIS, November 13, 1886.

To the Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, and Officers of all the Subordinate Commanderies in this Jurisdiction:

SIR KNIGHTS—It becomes my painful duty to announce the death of Right Eminent Sir THEODORE TUTHILL GURNEY, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

He died at his residence in the city of Chicago, on Tuesday morning, November 9, 1886, after a lingering illness.

Sir Gurney was born at Ogdensburg, New York, September 4, 1820, and removed to Chicago in 1858.

In civil life he held various positions of trust and honor, the last being that of Comptroller of the city of Chicago.

Among us he attained eminent Masonic distinction, being Grand Commander in 1875-6, Grand Master in 1879-80, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council A. A. S. Rite for the Northern Jurisdiction, and the honored correspondent of the Grand Masonic bodies of Illinois.

As a man, he was beloved for his Christian character; as a citizen, for his unflinching integrity, and as a Templar, for his distinguished Masonic attainments.

By his death, this grand jurisdiction has lost one of its brightest Masonic scholars and jurists. We mourn his death, yet humbly bow to the mandate of the Supreme Grand Commander who has summoned him from our midst.

As a token of respect to his memory, this order will be read at the head of the lines at the first stated Conclave after its reception, and for sixty days thereafter the customary emblems of mourning will be displayed in each Commandery, and worn by all the officers of the Grand Commandery, and of each subordinate Commandery in this grand jurisdiction.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Commandery, November 13, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

WILBUR F. BROMFIELD,

Grand Commander.

Attest: GIL. W. BARNARD,

Grand Recorder.



# IOWA.

HE twenty-third annual conclave was held in Des Moines, October 21 and 22, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Thirty-nine subordinate Commanderies represented.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the Grand Commander says:

It has been charged very freely in the past that the powers both of the Grand Encampment and the Grand Master were being so enlarged, either by enactment or by the naming of the various committees, that the time was fast approaching when the Grand Commanderies will become vassals, and not constituent members.

I was present at every session of the Grand Encampment, save one, and it is a fact that the proceedings and deliberations of this body would seem to indicate that so long as the various committees are made up as they are, nothing is to be hoped for in the way of new legislation or the adoption of the reforms heretofore asked for by Iowa, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and other grand jurisdictions. There was appointed by the Grand Master eight standing and three special committees.

Out of these eleven committees the Grand Commanderies had the chair-manship of three committees, namely: Credentials, dispensations, unfinished business; none of the duties of these committees leading them in the direction of in any manner affecting legislation. The thirty-three Grand Commanderies composing the Grand Encampment of the United States pay the tribute that sustains and supports it, and have practically no voice in shaping legislation, and are, in fact, if not by design in the make up of committees, prevented from advancing the legislation demanded by the Grand Comman-

deries they are there to represent. All who will go back over the proceedings of the Grand Encampment for many years past, will find that the committees have been constantly made up in this manner.

It has been urged by Templar writers, that the Grand Encampment of the United States is an unnecessary and expensive appendage to the governing powers of Templarism. That its powers are becoming greater, and the rights of Grand Commanderies are being curtailed. That, in fact, as the supreme governing power of Templarism, it should go out of existence. I do not share in this opinion. Should the present Grand Encampment terminate its existence, others would succeed it, and instead of one Grand Encampment, we would have at least two in its stead, and maybe more. The way to cure such evils as exist, is not by secession, but by united action upon the part of jurisdictions who think as Iowa does, to correct them within the Grand Encampment.

Taxation and representation is emphatically an American principle. For this our forefathers fought, and upon this idea the American republic was founded. It is the corner-stone of our government. To all Grand Commanderies who think as Iowa does, and who have done as Iowa has in the past—submitted amendments to the constitution—to be summarily sat down upon by the committee on Templar jurisprudence, to all such I say, Iowa plants her banner with the intention of re-submitting all the proposed amendments. Iowa demands that the committees hereafter, be so made up that Grand Commanderies shall not only have a fair representation upon them, but shall have the chairmanship of more than a majority. To all Grand Commanderies who desire a reform in the legislation of the Grand Encampment, we say to you, here is the place to begin. Plant your banner by the side of Iowa, and let us go forward together until the desired end is accomplished.

Now, what was done in the way of legislation? Tuesday was devoted to listening to an elegant address of welcome from the mayor of St. Louis, who tendered the freedom of the city to the visiting Templars, and to a similar address from the Grand Commander of Missouri. To both of these addresses, Deputy Grand Master Roome responded in an appropriate manner. The address of Grand Master Withers was presented by Past Grand Master Hopkins. The reports of Deputy Grand Master Roome, of Grand Treasurer Simons, and of Grand Recorder Parvin, were also presented. The committees were announced, and the Grand Encampment adjourned until Wednesday morning.

Wednesday was devoted to committee reports. Thursday was largely devoted to the election of officers, and as is rule in the Grand Encampment, whoever was fortunate enough to be elected to a subordinate position, three, six, or nine years ago, was advanced to the next higher position, with two

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exceptions. Grand Treasurer, Sir JOHN W. SIMONS, Grand Master-elect ROOME stated, was, by reason of declining years, unable to longer fill the office of Grand Treasurer, and he was succeeded by H. WALES LINES, of Connecticut.

Past Grand Commander WILLIAM B. ISAACS, of Virginia, was elected Grand Recorder, the position so ably filled in the past by Past Grand Commander THEODORE S. PARVIN, of Iowa. By this change Iowa lost the only officer she ever had in the Grand Encampment. The Grand Encampment loses the services of an able and brilliant Grand Recorder. By his services as Grand Recorder he has shed lustre upon Iowa Templarism, and we are proud of his record in the Grand Encampment, alike honorable to him and the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

And the committee on his address endorse his "say-so" in the following unmistakable words:

Your committee have read with much interest the able, faithful, and painstaking report of your Grand Commander, relative to "The Triennial," and cannot repress their gratification that Iowa was so well represented, and especially by one who took such an interest in the deliberations of that body.

Your committee also wish to express their unqualified approval of the just and well-merited criticisms upon the course being pursued by the Grand Encampment, or rather by its officers. That the abuses mentioned by your Grand Commander in that body do actually exist, admits of no doubt. That such abuses need correction, is self-evident. That the proper and best course to be pursued to effect such correction, is by united action of the several Grand Commanderies, must be apparent.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that this subject in your Grand Commander's address, be referred to a select committee of three, who shall have power to formulate plans for an efficient reformation of any and all abuses now existing in the "Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States," and to report to this Grand Commandery at its next Grand annual conclave.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir Knight T. R. Ercanbrack writes the report on correspondence. It is well worth a careful reading. Try it, Sir Knights, and our word for it, you will not be disappointed.

# OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Almon R. Dewey, Washington, elected Grand Commander.

Sir John C. Parish, Des Moines, re-elected Grand Recorder.

# KANSAS.

HE eighteenth annual conclave was held in Wyandotte, commencing May 11, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Nineteen subordinate Commanderies represented.

REGULATION.

The following was adopted as a standing regulation of the Grand Commandery:

Resolved. That hereafter no dispensation shall be issued authorizing the establishment of a new Commandery within forty miles of an already established Commandery, except it be in cases of cities of five thousand or more inhabitants.

#### PRETTY PICTURES.

Fine steel engravings of Sir Knights D. BYINGTON and EDWIN D. HILLYER appear in the proceedings. They are excellent works of art, of most excellent Templar Masons. If you don't believe they are all "our fancy paints them," read what Grand Recorder Brown says of them:

In accordance with your instructions last year, (see proceedings of 1885, page eight hundred and thirty-five,) I procured the engraving and printing of the portraits of Sir Knights Owen A. BASSETT and BENJAMIN J. F. HANNA, Past Grand Commanders, which you will find bound in the proceedings of last year, together with short biographical sketches of these distinguished Knights. The engraving and printing, as is usual with such work, was attended with much delay, and in consequence put off the issue of our annual proceedings until a late date. Inasmuch as the annual appearance of these steel portraits in our proceedings, seems to have become an established rule with us, I have taken the liberty to anticipate your action this year, and have arranged with the engraver to have the work done by the time the proceedings are printed and ready for the binder, so as not to delay the issue of our proceedings this year. This seemed specially desirable, since the Grand Encampment meets in September next. I trust my action in this matter will meet your approval. The expense of engraving and printing the portraits ordered last year was paid by warrant of the Grand Treasurer, as will be seen by reference to the annual report of this officer for the past year.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on correspondence, bearing the impress of that genial gentleman and excellent writer, Sir John H. Brown, is a complete review of thirty-two Grand Commanderies. Michigan, for 1885, is among the number, and what is said of us is well said.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Henry C. Cook, Oswego, elected Grand Commander. Sir John H. Brown, Wyandotte, re-elected Grand Recorder.

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# KENTUCKY.

HE thirty-ninth annual conclave was held in Paducah, May 12 and 13, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Twenty-two subordinate Commanderies represented.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

Sir Knight Warren Larue Thomas, Very Eminent Grand Senior Warden and representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, United States of America, was cordially welcomed by the Grand Commander, and responded in appropriate and eloquent terms.

#### AMENDMENT.

The grand constitution was amended to read as follows:

No Commandery in this jurisdiction shall confer the Orders on a sojourner whose fixed place of abode is within any State in which there is a Commandery regularly established; or upon one who resides in this jurisdiction nearer another Commandery, without first obtaining the consent of the Commandery in whose jurisdiction the Companion resides; but such consent shall not be refused, except upon the grounds of moral unfitness in the person so applying. And when a petition for the Orders is received from a sojourner, or from one who has not resided for six months within the jurisdiction of the Commandery, it is the duty of the Commandery receiving it to notify the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resided,

and obtain its consent that jurisdiction be exercised over the petition and the petitioner; and any Commandery violating these provisions shall pay over the entire fee to the injured Commandery, and be subject to such penalty as the Grand Commandery may determine.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on correspondence is by Sir Woodruff—as usual—and, indeed, what would Kentucky's report on correspondence be without the signature of "Woodruff?" If ever so good, it would appear strange! Woodruff is indeed a fixture in that direction.

Thirty-six grand bodies, including the Grand Encampment of the United States, are fraternally reviewed. Michigan, for 1885, takes her place, and certainly receives fair and courteous notice. We thank you, Sir Knight.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir John S. Lyle, Covington, elected Grand Commander. Sir Lorenzo Dow Croninger, Covington, re-elected Grand Recorder.



## LOUISIANA.

HE twenty-fourth annual conclave was held in New Orleans, February 18, A. D. 1887, A. O. 769.

Four subordinate Commanderies represented.

## MORTUARY MATTERS.

The Grand Commander, in his address, thus feelingly alludes to the dead of his jurisdiction.

In the midst of life death stretches forth his cold, clammy hand, and some loved form vanishes from among us, and though our hearts may be filled with sorrow, memory is ours, and we recall every kindly act, and dwell upon the many virtues of the departed with feelings akin to pleasure. Four times during the past year has the Destroying Angel invaded our ranks, and each time has this Grand Commandery lost a valued member, and a gallant Sir Knight been called to his reward.

No eulogy of mine could add to the character of these distinguished Templars, or increase the esteem in which they were held by their Fraters; those who knew them best, will most mourn them; and I suggest that a separate memorial page be dedicated to each in our annual proceedings.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Referring to grand representatives, he says:

In reference to commissions, I note that some of the Grand Commanderies are requesting the resignations of such representatives as hold more than one commission. In my humble opinion, this should be left to the judgment of the grand bodies, near whom these commissions are held. I look upon these as purely and simply expressions of good feeling and knightly courtesy, and cannot imagine that the interests of any Grand Commandery could suffer by its representative holding also for other grand bodies.

CORRESPONDENCE.

No report on correspondence.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir J. G. McWilliams, New Orleans, elected Grand Commander.

Sir RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans, re-elected Grand Recorder.



## MARYLAND.

HE sixteenth annual conclave was held in Baltimore, November 23, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Seven subordinate Commanderies represented.

THE CHASM BRIDGED OVER.

The Grand Commander refers to the "late unpleasantness" between his jurisdiction and Louisiana, and says:

The relations existing between this grand body and other Grand Commanderies had always been of such a fraternal and courteous character, that it was a source of the deepest regret that the *Entente Cordiale* theretofore existing between Louisiana and Maryland was, for a time, disturbed, but the Grand Commander is happy to state, that the old bond of union has been again formed, never—let us hope—to be again disunited.

#### RESOLUTION.

The following standing resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the terms of all representatives for foreign Grand Commanderies near this Grand Commandery, shall expire at the annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery first succeeding the next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, and that the term of all persons appointed to fill vacancies occurring among the representatives prior to that date, and all appointments of representatives made thereafter, shall terminate at the annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery next succeeding the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, first held after such appointment, providing such commissions are not sooner revoked by the Grand Commandery making such appointment.

Resolved, That no Sir Knight in this jurisdiction shall be eligible to represent more than one foreign jurisdiction, after the expiration of the commissions of present representatives.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir F. J. S. Gorgas, chairman of the committee on correspondence, reviews the proceedings of thirty-three sister jurisdictions, as also the Grand Encampment of the United States. In opening he says:

When the writer, in 1880, was elected Grand Commander of Maryland, he relinquished the position of chairman of the committee on correspondence, which he had held for many years, still retaining the same position in the Grand Lodge of this State, to which he had been appointed in 1877, and which he continued to hold at the personal request of the then M. W. Grand Master, until the beginning of the present year, 1886.

The untimely death of our lamented Past Grand Commander, WILLIAM TELL ADREON, who succeeded the writer as chairman of the committee on correspondence of the Grand Commandery, recalled us to the reportorial corps, in which we find many changes; not a few of the noble spirits, who in days past formed this body of able and eloquent writers, having passed to that invisible Asylum where the cheering words and the sincere admiration of the Fraters who perused their reports with pleasure and benefit, can no longer inspire them with energy and zeal in the cause of the noble Order of the Temple.

We can but express the hope that our departed Fraters are now enjoying that rest which is promised to all who can sincerely exclaim: *Non nobis*, *Dominie non nobis*, *sed nomini tuo da gloriam*.

# MICHIGAN.

Michigan has many kindly notices, for which we return thanks. In concluding his report of Michigan, he says: Before leaving Michigan, we desire to commend to our Frater, Sir Innes and his Grand Rapids Fraters, a worthy and zealous Maryland Templar, who, by the manifold deeds of Christian charity and love which have attended his ministrations among us, has endeared himself to our hearts, and from whom we part with great regret, confident, however, that he will find among our Fraters in Grand Rapids, the field of his future labors in behalf of mankind, the same appreciation with which we regard him for his worth and pure Christian character—we shall always respect and remember Sir Knight Rev. Dr. CAMPBELL FAIR.

ALL'S "FAIR" THAT ENDS "FAIR."

We have long ere this learned to love Maryland's estimable and respected Sir Knight Fair. Michigan, and Grand Rapids in particular, claims this "Fair" Sir Knight, and will endeavor to deal so "Fair(ly)" by him that the pleasant memories of Maryland may be in a manner forgotten, or at least laid aside, and Michigan take its place.

Sir FAIR is loved by all who know him, and the writer, whose beloved rector he is, has cause to know that this good man and estimable Sir Knight is worthy of a warm spot in the hearts of all good and true Knights.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Charles W. Hatter, Baltimore, elected Grand Commander.

Sir Charles T. Sisco, Baltimore, re-elected Grand Recorder.



## MAINE.

HE thirty-fifth annual conclave was held in Portland, May 5, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Fourteen subordinate Commanderies represented.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Grand Recorder IRA BERRY, in submitting his annual report, says:

I have the honor of presenting my thirtieth report as Recorder of the Grand Commandery.

The duties devolving on me for the past year have been attended to, and the records are prepared for inspection.

It is gratifying to look back and see the progress of the Order since that time. Then there were three Commanderies with one hundred and five members; now we have fifteen, with a membership, I suppose, of nearly two thousand—fourteen last year reported eighteen hundred and forty members.

My hope is, that its prosperity may continue, and that the Sir Knight who must ere long succeed me in this position, may have as earnest a desire as myself to perform its duties properly, with greater ability.

## CORRESPONDNCE.

Thirty-four subordinate Commanderies are reviewed by the committee on correspondence, Sir Stephen Berry, (a chip of the old block,) chairman. Michigan, for 1885, of course, has its proper place and notice. He says of our proceedings that they come to him in elegant array, with red marginal lines, her banner hung out on the cover, blazing in carmine, green and gold, and a phototype of Past Grand Commander H. N. Moore as a frontispiece.

## STATISTICAL.

We quote the following from the committee, being a part of their statistical report:

From this it will be seen that the total membership of Templars in the world is 74,804. Scotland, the mother country of the Order, or, at least, the remotest point to which we can at present trace it, has but four hundred and fifty members under her authority, or six-tenths of one per cent. of the whole, and nearly half of them are in New Brunswick. Certainly the Templar seed was there sown in stony ground. Ireland, the second point, or the one through which we trace to Mother Kilwinning, has but one thousand three hundred, or one and three-fourths per cent. Catholicism probably restricts it there. England and Wales, and her Colonies all over the world, (excepting Canada,) has two thousand nine hundred, or three and seven-eighths per cent. of the whole. Yet there everything favors it, and the Prince of all the Land leads them on. Canada has eight hundred and fifty-five, or one and one-seventh per cent., and the United States have 69,299 or ninety-two and three fifths per cent.

The gain in the United States is one thousand nine hundred and twenty-

eight, or three per cent., a falling off from last year, when it was four and one-fourth per cent., and yet this is the triennial year.

#### COMPARISON OF NORTH AMERICAN STATISTICS.

	TEMPLARS.	ROYAL ARCH.	M. MASONS.	PER CENT'GE OF TEMP'S TO M.M'S
1879	49,924	128, 196	582,586	
1880	50,681	127,025	573,317	8.84
1881	53,734	127,105	567,128	9.47½
1882	55,186	128,557	566, 149	9.75
1883	59,835	132,737	579,826	10.32
1884	65,396	137,617	587,321	11.131/2
1885	68,226	149,960	593,164	11.50
1886	70,154		596,464	12.76 1-6

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir John O. Shaw, Bath, elected Grand Commander. Sir Jra Berry, Portland, re-elected Grand Recorder.



# MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.

T the semi-annual conclave, held in Providence, May 21, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768, the following report was adopted:

The committee appointed to prepare a memorial of our late venerable companion, Eminent Sir GILBERT NURSE, present the following brief abstract of his life, and of his services in the several degrees and orders in Freemasonry:

Our lamented Frater was born in Royalston, Massachusetts, in 1798, and died in Pepperell, Massachusetts, November 6, 1885. He was buried in Cambridge cemetery November 9, a detachment of Sir Knights from Boston Commandery accompanying his remains to their final resting place.

Moving to Boston early in life, Eminent Sir Nurse became closely identified with the interests of that city, in which he spent the greater portion of his life. He was engaged for many years in the hardware business in Boston. Prior to 1840 he removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he continued for several years in the same line of trade, with the addition thereto of agricultural implements. Returning to Boston, he was appointed Chief of Police, July 19, 1852, which office he filled with signal ability until May, 1854. Subsequently he re-engaged in the sale of agricultural tools and implements

with his brother, the late Joel Nurse, the firm being Ruggles, Nurse & Mason, located over Faneuil Hall Market. Upon the dissolution of that firm several years since, he retired from all active business pursuits. His declining years were spent in the family of his devoted daughter, who resided in Cambridge previous to her removal to Pepperell. At her quiet, peaceful home in the latter town, tenderly cared for by her watchful love, assisted by the willing hands of her daughters, his grandchildren, the last summons came, and at eighty-seven years of age, loved and honored by all who knew him for his blameless life, his generous nature, his fidelity to duty, his courtly but genial demeanor toward all whom he met, our venerable companion, Sir Knight, closed his eyes on earth, to open them on brighter and more blessed scenes, in an eternal Heaven.

Brother Nurse was made a Mason in Fredonia Lodge, Northboro, Massachusetts, in 1822. He was admitted to membership in Mt. Labanon Lodge, Boston, October 28, 1822. He was Senior Warden in 1826; Worshipful Master in 1827, 1828 and 1844; honorary member, October 31, 1836. He had sustained a continuous membership in that Lodge for over sixty-three years, at the time of his decease. While residing in St. Louis he pursued his Masonic work so ardently that he was elected Worshipful Master of Napthali Lodge in 1839; in that, and in other positions filled by him, he rendered excellent service to the cause of Freemasonry in that section of the country. Companion Nurse was exalted in St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter, Boston, in 1824, and was elected High Priest in 1829–1830; he served as Secretary from 1832 to 1836.

Eminent Sir Knight Nurse was created a Knight Templar in Boston Commandery Knights Templar, September 1, 1824, admitted to membership November 19, 1828, elected Eminent Commander October, 1835, and honorary member October 19, 1836. Our Illustrious Brother had also received all the grades of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, including that of Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33d and last degree.

In the several grand bodies he had held the following offices: In the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts he was Grand Lecturer, in 1842, 1843; District Deputy Grand Master, 1843; in the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, Deputy Grand High Priest, 1848, 1849; in the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, that of Grand Recorder in 1842 and 1849; Grand Captain-General in 1834, and Grand Generalissimo in 1835. An excellent ritualist, an impartial and dignified presiding officer, tolerant of the opinions of others, yet firm in his own convictions of right, he made at once a desirable and valuable officer, one whose influence was only for good to our whole fraternity, nor has it yet lost its sweet aroma of love and fidelity to duty.

For over half a century after his election to the office of Grand General-

issimo, he lived, serene and happy, "in the reflections consequent on a well spent life," and when the Angel of Death called him hence, he cheerfully departed this life, rich in the ripe years of a good old age, and dying "in the hope of a glorious immortality."

## JURISPRUDENCE.

We give in full the following from the committee on jurisprudence, not for its good law, but to show how "some people feel:"

We find decisions of but two questions by the Right Eminent, both of which are in accordance with the Templar law. The questions are as follows:

- 1. When a Knight Templar has been expelled from all his rights and privileges as a Master Mason, and alterwards restored to said rights and privileges by the Grand Lodge, is he thereby restored to membership of which he was a member prior to his expulsion?
- 2. If so, must the Commandery receive him into its Asylum, either as a visitor or a member, before receiving official notice of his restoration?

Both of these questions were answered in the negative.

It is not in the power of a Grand Lodge of Masons to restore to membership a Master Mason expelled by a subordinate Lodge. Grand Lodge can restore to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, but the restoration to membership in a subordinate body is beyond its power, unless it be under some provision of a grand constitution. It therefore follows that if Grand Lodge cannot restore to membership in a Lodge, it cannot, by any action on its part, restore to membership in a Commandery, and if it could, (which it cannot,) the Commandery should receive official notice of its action before the Commandery is called upon to recognize such action.

The questions proposed do not come within the provisions of article seventeen, section ten, of the code of statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States. That section is as follows: "When the suspension or expulsion from the Commandery was the result of suspension or expulsion by Lodge or Chapter, a certificate of his restoration in the body which disciplined him, will restore the Knight to good standing and membership."

It will be seen that this section contemplates a case when Lodge or Chapter shall have suspended or expelled a Master or Royal Arch Mason, and such Lodge or Chapter shall restore the Brother or Companion so disciplined to his Masonic rights, and commands that such last named action shall place him in the Commandery just as its first action found him. The section in no way refers to the action of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, nor does it define the effect of the action of either grand body upon the status of one expelled by a body subordinate to itself, nor again does it refer to any action,

or the effect of any action, by a grand body. The question propounded to the Right Eminent refers to action by the *Grand Lodge*, and does not come within the provisions of the section in the code which applies solely to action by a "Lodge or Chapter."

That expulsion or suspension by a Lodge or Chapter debars the Knight so disciplined from any rights in his Commandery, or as a Templar during the continuance of such expulsion or suspension, is too well settled to be open to question. What this section adds to this law, if it be new, is, that the restoration to his rights and privileges by the Lodge or Chapter that deprived him of such rights and privileges, shall restore him to the same condition as a Templar in the Commandery as he was, when by the action of such Lodge or Chapter his relationship was severed.

Whenever a Commandery has expelled a member, and thereby severs his membership with it, it is neither in the power of the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment, to restore such membership. Such power is solely and exclusively in the Commandery that expelled him. This doctrine is well exemplified by the grand constitutions of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Massachusetts provides that the restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry of an expelled Mason by Grand Lodge, shall not restore to membership within the Lodge of which he was a member, without its unanimous consent; and Rhode Island provides that whenever the Grand Lodge shall reverse or abrogate a decision of a subordinate Lodge, et cetera, and shall restore him to the benefits and privileges of Masonry without ordering a new trial, he shall not thereby be restored to membership in the Lodge from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent. These are local regulations, and not landmarks, and are proper provisions for each State Grand Lodge to make for its own government; neither, however, can control the effect of its action upon Templarism, except so far as to take away the foundation that Templarism itself has made necessary to the taking of its Orders.

It is a mistake to assume that the Masonic degrees are necessary to the reception of the Orders of Templarism, by reason of anything except the decrees of Templar jurisprudence. The truth is so far otherwise, that it is now in many jurisdictions being advocated that the Order be entirely disassociated from Masonic bodies, and that it assumes the positian of an independent existence.

These Grand Lodge regulations, however, are in entire harmony with Templar Law, as they are with the negative answers of Grand Commander HUTCHINSON, and are not inconsistent with the section of the code herein-before referred to.

ANNUAL CONCLAVE.

The annual conclave was held in Boston, October 29, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

The Grand Commander's address was interesting and instructive, and contains an extended account of the doings of the Grand Encampment, all of which appear to have met his approval.

The following report was accepted, and the recommendations adopted:

The committee on the Garfield monument fund would report that no additional subscriptions have been received. It is evident that the Templar organizations throughout the country have not united in contributing to the erection of the Garfield monument. Only about one-fourth of the Commanderies of this jurisdiction have responded to the call of the committee for the purpose named. In view of these facts, and also of changes that have taken place in the plan of the monument, et cetera, your committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on the Garfield monument fund be authorized and directed to return to the several Commanderies the sums respectively subscribed by members of said bodies to the Garfield fund.

Thus it goes; the great American gushes, all of a sudden, but soon subsides, and forgets men, monuments, and such like.

No report on correspondence.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Edward P. Chapin, Springfield, elected Grand Commander.

Sir Alfred F. Chapman, Boston, re-elected Grand Recorder.



# MINNESOTA.

HE twenty-first annual conclave was held at Owatonna, June 24, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Fifteen subordinate Commanderies represented.

Business local in its character. Everybody appears to have visited "the well;" wonder if they met Rachel?

CORRESPONDENCE.

Twenty-nine grand jurisdictions were reviewed by Sir

Knight Pierson, who knows so well how to do it. Michigan comes in for a "pretty say so."

Sir Pierson refers to our sudden illness last year and says it was weeks before we left our bed. Thanks to a merciful Providence it was only a few days.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Henry Birkett, Owatonna, elected Grand Commander. Sir A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul, re-elected Grand Recorder.



# MISSISSIPPI.

HE twenty-sixth annual conclave was held at Jackson, February 9, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

#### DISAPPOINTED.

We had hoped to have something to say of our sister of a later date, but are disappointed.

## STATE OF THE ORDER.

The committee on the state of the Order submitted the following report:

We regret the existing apathy in the ranks of Templars of Mississippi, and while we are not advised of any particular cause for the manifest want of interest in the Order, we suggest:

- 1. That Eminent Commanders be earnestly requested to see that in all cases practicable the ceremonies in Asylums be performed in full.
  - 2. That more attention be paid to the study of ritual and drill.
  - 3. That jurisdictional lines in the State of Mississippi be abolished.
- 4. That the minimum fee for the Orders be reduced to twenty-five dollars.
- 5. That all regulations, or parts thereof, of the Grand Commandery in conflict with above suggestions, be and the same are hereby repealed.

The report was adopted, and we hope it may have the tendency to "wake up the boys."

# CORRESPONDENCE.

The report on correspondence, on account of its "early date," has lost much of its interest to our readers generally. We truly hope our esteemed Sir Knight Power will hurry out the next issue.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir B. A. Vaughan, Columbus, elected Grand Commander. Sir John L. Power, Jackson, re-elected Grand Recorder.



## MISSOURI.

HE twenty-fifth annual conclave was held at St. Louis, May 11, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Forty-four subordinate Commanderies represented.

# VISITORS.

E. Sir WILLIAM H. MAYO introduced R. E. Sir E. F. WARREN, Grand Commander, and V. E. Sir C. P. NEEDHAM, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, who were appropriately received by the Grand Commander and escorted to seats in the Grand East.

During the session, V. E. Sir T. W. PARK introduced E. Sir WILLIAM REBER, of Constance Commandery, No. 33, of Pennsylvania, and E. Sir JAMES N. BURNES, of Missouri.

## RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery unqualifiedly indorses the project of establishing a Masonic Home in Missouri, and heartily commends it to the earnest co-operation of the Knights Templar throughout this grand jurisdiction, in their individual and collective capacity, and bespeak for it no uncertain sound from every Commandery in the State; and,

Whereas, The memorial from the committee on the part of the Grand Lodge, presented at this Conclave, has been adopted, and the request for the appointment of a committee on the part of this grand body to co-operate with them, complied with, that the committee heretofore appointed by this Grand Commandery on that subject be discontinued.

#### AN EDICT.

The following edict, issued by the Grand Commander, was fully endorsed by the Grand Commandery:

WHEREAS, It has been brought to our knowledge that Knights Templar in this jurisdiction have on various occasions improperly appeared in public in Templar uniform, or have loaned the same to parties who are not Knights Templar; and,

WHEREAS, No Knight Templar has a right, under any circumstances, either individually or in company with others, to appear in public in uniform, except as specifically provided by law, or under authority of a dispensation therefor; nor has any Knight Templar a right to loan his uniform or equipment, or any part thereof, to any person other than a Knight Templar in good standing; now, therefore, we have issued this, our edict, hereby strictly prohibiting any Knight Templar within this jurisdiction to either appear in public in uniform, except by specific authority of law or of a dispensation therefor; or, under any circumstances whatsoever, to loan his uniform or equipment, or any part thereof, to any person who is not a Knight Templar in good standing, under pain of knightly discipline for any such offense.

And we do hereby charge the Eminent Commander of each of the respective Commanderies of this jurisdiction with the enforcement of this order.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions, offered by Sir Knight Schofield, were adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that the bylaws of the Grand Encampment should be so amended as to require that every petitioner to subordinate Commanderies for the Orders, shall, at the date of his petition, be a member in good standing in Lodge and Chapter; and that voluntarily remaining non-affiliated in either Lodge or Chapter for more than twelve months shall, ipso facto, dissolve a Sir Knight's connection with the Commandery.

Resolved, further, That the representatives of this Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment, be, and they are hereby instructed, to use all honorable means to accomplish the above amendment.

We are glad to note that the Grand Encampment endorsed the views of our sister Missouri. We have very decided leanings in that direction. We are convinced that no voluntary unaffiliated Master Mason, or Royal Arch, ought to be allowed membership in a Commandery.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

We give the following from Sir Knight Mayo's report on correspondence:

The grand bodies of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, and New Jersey, show a decrease in membership. New York still stands at the head, numerically, with 7,562 members; Pennsylvania second, with 7,174; Massachusetts third, with 6,684; Illinois with 6,219, is fourth; Ohio fifth, with 5,259; Michigan sixth, 3,469; Iowa seventh, 3,307; Indiana eighth, with 2,519, and Missouri following closely with 2,472.

Pennsylvania shows an increased aggregate of three hundred and four, an actual gain of two hundred and twenty-eight, there being an error of seventy-six in either 1884 or 1885. While Illinois shows a difference between the totals reported in 1884 and 1885, of two hundred and ninety-five, the real gain is only one hundred and two, the Grand Recorder of Illinois having reported his aggregate membership for 1884, at one hundred and ninety-three less than it really was. The increase in Missouri shows a similar error in Recorder's report, as he accounts in detail for a gain of only one hundred and fifty-two, while he increases his aggregate two hundred and sixty-five.

Making allowances as indicated above, Pennsylvania has made the greatest gain, two hundred and twenty-eight; and New York with a reported gain of one hundred and forty-three, but (in the light of the corrections made in the report of 1884 by that of 1885,) a real increase of one hundred and fifty-seven, claims the next greatest gain.

Apollo No. 1, of Chicago, and Boston No. 1, of Boston, now stand abreast, each with six hundred and eighteen members, and are the strongest Commanderies in the world. St. John No. 4, of Philadelphia, has five hundred and forty-two, and Mary No. 36, of same place, has five hundred and three members.

It is well to observe, while the Templar Order is being ruined by "extravagant display," and a "centralized absolutism," that the Commanderies have gained 18,000 members since 1880. The Royal Arch Chapters, which certainly have not been ruined by a tendency to public parades, have made an increase of 14,000; and the Master Masons, entirely free from all the vices inherent in a general government, have made an increase of 20,000. In other words, the Templar increase since 1880 has been thirty-six per cent.; the Royal Arch, eleven per cent.; the Master Masons, three and eight-tenths per cent.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Joseph S. Browne, St. Joseph, elected Grand Commander.

Sir WILLIAM H. MAYO, St. Louis, re-elected Grand Recorder.

# NEBRASKA.

HE fourteenth annual conclave was held at Fremont, May 4, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Fourteen subordinate Commanderies represented.

GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

In his address the Grand Commander says:

I declined to permit our Sir Knights to participate with other societies in the observance of Decoration Day, holding that Freemasonry should yield to none its right to lead in all it does, and that it shares its honors with no other society. Where there are no special laws, it is always safe to follow the enactments of the Blue Lodge, which I have done in this matter.

TOO MUCH HASTE.

On the great danger to our Order by too much haste, he says:

I call your attention to an ever present danger: that of being over-zealous to popularize the Order. I would suggest as words of warning, to guard more vigilantly the outer courts of the tabernacle, reverence and obey more faithfully the laws, remembering that the keeping of obligations in this Christian Order is to make a mark of distinction between us and the world at large, and insure our success as an Order. The fact of our having erred in the past, only proves we are human.

# TRANSACTIONS.

The proceedings are local entirely, but to the writer are more than ordinarily pleasant, as they note the election of his old-time friend to the high and honorable position of Grand Commander. Our sincere congratulations are herewith forwarded to Sir Warren.

No report on correspondence.

### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir EDWIN F. WARREN, Nebraska City, elected Grand Commander.

Sir WILLIAM R. BOWEN, Omaha, re-elected Grand Recorder.

# NEW JERSEY.

HE twenty-eighth annual conclave was held at Trenton, May 11, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Thirteen subordinate Commanderies represented.

# RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED.

The following recommendations of the Grand Commander were adopted:

- 1. That all commissions from this Grand Commandery to other jurisdictions, shall expire with the Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment, when new appointments shall be made.
- 2. That but one commission shall be held by any one Sir Knight of this Grand Commandery as a representative of another jurisdiction at one and the same time.
- 3. That, in order to act upon a petition to form a new Commandery, the Commandery before whom such petition will be presented, shall notify all its members one month in advance of the time, and that such a petition will be acted upon.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

A short report on correspondence is submitted by Sir BECHTEL. Michigan is one of the "missing many." Sorry, sorry, for Sir BECHTEL is so kind and courteous in his reviews that we like to meet him face to face. Here is his excuse, (and a pretty fair one for a Jersey man,) for not giving us more:

We close this report with about one-third of the proceedings of other grand bodies missing. This is partly owing to our change of meeting from September to May, four months earlier than last year.

We have endeavored, in the limited space allowed, to present such matters as, in our judgment, would interest the members of this Grand Commandery, refraining as much as possible from extended comments. Such as it is, we submit it to the tender mercies of our Fratres.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Isaac S. Roberts, Lambertville, elected Grand Commander.

Sir CHARLES BECHTEL, Trenton, re-elected Grand Recorder.

# NEW YORK.

HE seventy-third annual conclave was held at Elmira, October 12, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Fifty-two subordinate Commanderies represented.

RECEPTION OF THE GRAND MASTER.

Sir Charles Roome, M. E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, was introduced by the Grand Captain General and welcomed by Sir Peter Forrester, R. E. Grand Commander.

A good deal of welcoming and pretty "back talk" was done by the Sir Knights before they got down to business.

The principal part of the published proceedings are taken up with general orders, letters of acceptance, etc., all of which have a local but not general interest. The Grand Commander shows by his labors that he is a hard worker and entitled to wages.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

We cannot refrain from giving in full the opening remarks of that veteran and esteemed Sir Knight John Simons, the writer on correspondence:

Once more, and for the thirty-fourth time, the committee charged with the examination of the correspondence and review of the journals of similar bodies, herewith presents its report, which will be found to cover the transactions of all the governing bodies, except the Grand Encampment in the United States.

The principal idea in view in preparing this document, has been to present the status of the different bodies as set forth in their printed journals, so that whoever inspects it with moderate care, may rise from its perusal with a fair idea of the progress and general status of the Order, not to be obtained in any other way, and, in fact, inaccessible to the great majority of the Sir Knights, since to them the publications which this and similar reports take into consideration are inaccessible, and because if they were to be had, not one in a thousand would take the time or have the inclination to read them;

whereas, in documents like the one to ensue, the labor of segregating matters of interest is performed to their hand, and may be carefully read without inordinate loss of time, and with benefit to the reader, and thus to the organization.

The people of this country are charged with an inordinate love of moneygetting, to the exclusion of other less engrossing topics; but none the less, they are a reading people, as the never-ending productions of the press attest; nevertheless, they require their mental pabulum to be of presentable appearance, and easy digestion.

Much of this paper has been written under stress of bodily infirmity; but we present it, nevertheless, as complying with the above conditions, and ask for it a careful perusal.

Thirty-five jurisdictions, including Michigan, have the best efforts of Sir John. God bless him; long may he live to instruct "the boys."

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Joseph A. Johnson, Ilion, elected Grand Commander. Sir Robert Macoy, New York City, re-elected Grand Recorder.



# NEW HAMPSHIRE.

HE twenty-seventh annual conclave was held at Concord, September 28, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

# TACTICS ADOPTED.

Myers' Tactics, edition of 1884, was adopted for use in this jurisdiction.

ALSO ADOPTED.

An Ascension Day Service was adopted. It is both beautiful and impressive.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir Knight John J. Bell presents the report on correspondence. It has, like all of "Bell's" reports, the true ring.

Thirty-three jurisdictions are reviewed, many for two years.

#### MICHIGAN.

Michigan, for 1886, takes her place, and our work pretty generally passed upon and we think approved.

Sir Bell says we (Michigan) follow the lead of Pennsylvania, New York, et cetera, in the attack upon the Grand Encampment.

Michigan has always been loyal to the Grand Encampment, and will continue to be so while that body keeps within the limits of its own law—under which it derived its powers, and we congratulate the Grand Encampment on its studied desire, evinced in St. Louis, to conciliate rather than antagonize the State Grand Commanderies.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir CHARLES NEWELL TOWLE, Concord, elected Grand Commander.

Sir George Perley Cleaves, Concord, re-elected Grand Recorder.



# NORTH CAROLINA.

HE sixth annual conclave was held at Wilson, October 13, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Six subordinate Commanderies represented.

## RECORDER APPOINTED.

The Grand Commander reports the removal of Grand Recorder James C. Munds from the jurisdiction, and announced the appointment of Sir Horace H. Munson to act until the election.

# A SATISFACTORY REPORT.

Sir Knight BAIN's report is replete with good advice, and shows he fully appreciates the responsibility resting upon Templar Masons.

#### EXPRESSED THEIR REGRET.

The committee on Grand Commander's address express regret at the removal from the jurisdiction of their Grand Recorder.

#### RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That with the view of developing an increased interest in our Order, and a thorough understanding of its workings, our R. E. Grand Commander be requested to officially visit all of our Commanderies, or assign this duty to the several subordinate officers (when not convenient for h im) at intervals, for the purpose of giving instruction.

No report on correspondence.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Donald W. Bain, Raleigh, re-elected Grand Commander.

Sir Horace H. Munson, Wilmington, elected Grand Recorder.



## OHIO.

HE forty-fourth annual conclave was held at Akron, October 14, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Thirty-nine subordinate Commanderies represented.

ILLNESS OF THE GRAND RECORDER.

In his address, the Grand Commander refers to the serious illness of Sir Knight Nesbitt, for years the faithful and very efficient Grand Recorder of his jurisdiction, and says:

Sir Knights, to day you miss the presence of one, who for many years has occupied a prominent position in the affairs of this Grand Commandery—Eminent Sir James Nesbitt, Grand Recorder. In May last, our friend and associate was stricken with appoplexy—remaining unconscious for two days, when reason gradually returned—but leaving him, physically, completely prostrated. Eminent Sir Wright, of Coleman Commandery, and his attending physician, at once advised me of his condition. As soon as it was

prudent, I visited him, in company with Right Eminent Sir ELI FASOLD. We were there July 4. We found that he was entirely incapacitated for the performance of any duty. In his hopeful, cheery manner, he freely conversed in reference to his condition, endeavoring to provide for the cares of his official duties. It was apparent he could not give them attention, and I said to him to name some suitable person as assistant, and I would make the appointment on his nomination; that he would retain the honors and emoluments of the office-and I felt sure the Grand Commandery would compensate the appointee—that he could not attend to the duties that were becoming pressing, and his own good and the good of the Grand Commandery required some one in the active possession of the office. He named JOHN D. CALD-WELL, and the nomination meeting my approval, I commissioned JOHN D. CALDWELL as Grand Recorder, pro tem. Eminent Sir NESBITT's many years of faithful and efficient service, warrants me in suggesting that an order be drawn in his favor for three hundred dollars, the annual salary for the year for which he was elected, and that in forwarding it to him, suitable resolutions expressive of our sympathy and appreciation of his faithful service, accompany the order. Deprived of the privilege of being with us, and suffering from disease, I feel that to express to him in fitting terms our sympathy in his afflictions, will be a boon dearly prized, a panacea that will relieve many a sorrow.

'TIS THE SAME OLD "CHESTNUT."

Of the last triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment, at St. Louis, the Grand Commander says:

The session of the Grand Encampment was harmonious, and in the transaction of business and legislation, accomplished quite as much for the real benefit of the Order, as at any Conclave for many years. Sir Charles Roome, of New York city, was elected Most Eminent Grand Master. The uniform question was discussed, and finally left to each grand jurisdiction to legislate for itself. The important legislation was the adoption of a ritual for the Order of Red Cross and Knights Templar. This is important—a ritual made uniform throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and which is now complete. For this important addition to the rules of the Grand Encampment, great credit is due to R. E. Sir E. T. Carson, of our own Grand Commandery. It has required his attention for three years—hard work in committee. The results of the work of the committee, presented in his able manner, has enabled the Grand Encampment to adopt a ritual, making the work in every grand jurisdiction uniform.

That same "chestnut," so old, stale and revolting to many of us.

#### EMBELLISHED AND ENLARGED.

Newark Commandery, No. 34, and Sir Knight H. D. MOORE, appears in an embellished and enlarged edition.

How long, oh Lord! how long will it be before Ohio Sir Knights practice as well as preach the tenets of our noble Order? We had almost used the expression—yea, indeed, we will—of "the boys:" "Ohio, give Templar Masonry a rest!"

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir Enoch T. Carson writes the report on correspondence. It is Carson's, and that alone entitles it to every consideration from the reading Templars.

We must repeat what we strongly intimated last year. ENOCH, although an elegant gentleman and usually courteous Sir Knight, has a little "MOORE" of the A. A. S. R. than agrees with him. We know our Sir Knight brooks no interference with his views on any subject; so, considering the source, we forgive him his "little compliments" to the writer.

# GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

# Of the Grand Encampment he says:

The old, old disturbing question, the "uniform," came up for action, and it was finally, and, as we hope, forever, disposed of, by giving control of that matter to each Grand Commandery. Therefore, that question will not again come up in the Grand Encampment, except in so far as it may relate to its own Commanderies. The action was almost unanimous. Strange, but true.

The next important matter disposed of, was the report of the committee on the ritual of the Red Cross and Temple. It will be remembered that at the Triennial held in San Francisco, the ritual as submitted by Grand Master Dean was referred to the committee on ritual, to arrange in proper dramatic form for practical use. The committee made a unanimous report, and the rituals as submitted by it, were adopted as the only ones to be used within the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States, this to take effect on April 1, 1887.

What city speaks next, after Washington, for this "white elephant?" Won't some city ask us to come down upon them? "Barkis is willin." At St. Louis we were open for an invitation; none coming, uninvited, we went to Washington, just for this once, that being regarded as neutral ground.

However, this is not to be repeated—provided we get an invitation from some other city. If we do not, why then—we will hold Washington.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir La Favette Lyttle, Toledo, elected Grand Commander.

Sir JOHN N. BELL, Dayton, elected Grand Recorder.



# PENNSYLVANIA.

HE thirty-third annual conclave was held at Scranton, May 25, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Fifty subordinate Commanderies represented.

## THEY DRESSED CORRECTLY.

The Grand Commander congratulates the Sir Knights on their appearance in parade, and says:

We recognize the Grand Encampment as the supreme authority to say what shall constitute the proper uniform of a Knight Templar. Under the existing law it has been, and is now, utterly impossible for me, as your Grand Commander, to allow the admission of Sir Knights from other jurisdictions, either in the Grand or subordinate bodies, when uniformed contrary to law.

I have taken this firm stand, not for the purpose of being arbitrary, but because I believe my course will be sustained by those who properly interpret the edict of 1862.

So long as the Grand Encampment does not rescind this edict, we are all in duty bound to carry it out in both letter and spirit.

It is with proud satisfaction that we can say to the Templar world that the review of the Knights Templar of this jurisdiction, as seen upon the avenues of this city to-day, was that every Sir Knight in parade appeared in the uniform prescribed in the edict of 1862 of the Grand Encampment; and that there was no glittering tinsel or fanciful grouped array of metal buttons to be seen in line, showing our loyalty and devotion to a higher body.

### MASONIC HOME.

The Grand Commandery voted ten dollars for the Masonic Home the ensuing year, and further resolved as follows:

The special committee on finance, to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions offered by the Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the same, and are unanimous in recommending that the Grand Commandery appropriate annually, for seven successive years, the sum of three hundred dollars for the benefit of said Home. And be it further

Resolved, That the six hundred dollars invested in five per cent. Masonic redemption loan be transferred to the Treasurer of the Home by the proper officers.

Resolved, That the Right Eminent Grand Commander be authorized to take such steps as he may deem necessary to recover the amount paid to the former Home, and apply it as intended.

#### INSTALLATION.

The Grand Officers were publicly and impressively installed, and the Grand Commander-elect delivered his "inaugural."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir WILLIAM J. KELLY submits the report on correspondence. Twenty-two States are fraternally reviewed, Michigan, for 1886, being one of the number.

#### OPENING

The committee say, in opening:

We are much indebted to our Fraters of the Reporters' Guild for kind words spoken of us, and also for criticisms tendered in the kindest manner, which deserves and has received attention and consideration. For instance, it has been said we were very brief in our report. Granted, but it would hardly be wise in us to spread out a report beyond our capacity for the intelligent treatment of our subject; besides, we wrote as an introduction all that impressed us; after carefully reading through what was offered us, we did not care to, nor do we think we would add to the interest of our report by notice of personal matters, either of style of treatment, meaning of words used in connection with the subject, or grammatical construction of sentences. We believe our duty to be to read reports of all jurisdictions we are in correspondence with, study carefully the leading thoughts expressed therein, and as they may agree with or differ from our own practice, note such difference and express our opinion thereon, answer any questions likely to be of interest to our questioner, or of general interest to our Fraters, and thus generally make ourselves useful. We do not hope to make a report as large as some we have been called upon to read, but if we succeed in making a report that will be

read, we are sure that the cullings we take from our wiser and abler brethren, will do good to those who may read them.

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The proceedings of the Grand Encampment are reviewed at length.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir GEORGE S. GRAHAM, Philadelphia, elected Grand Commander.

Sir CHARLES E. MEYER, Philadelphia, re-elected Grand Recorder.



# TENNESSEE.

HE twenty-fourth annual conclave was held at Tullahoma, May 18, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Fourteen subordinate Commanderies represented.

GIVEN THE KEYS OF THE CITY.

An official communication from the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of Tullahoma, extending the hospitalities of the city and offering hearty welcome, was received, and the Grand Recorder was ordered to acknowledge the receipt and accept the courtesies tendered with the thanks and in the name of the Grand Commandery.

### OBITUARY.

Referring to the death of our (the writer's) personal friend and excellent Sir Knight, John McClelland, the Grand Commander says:

Never should we forget that in the midst of life we are in death, and that the brief period allotted us here should be wisely and faithfully employed, in view of the unknown but eternal existence hereafter. Our work should be done now, for the night cometh when no man can work. Our thoughts have gone forth in this direction by reason of the visitation of the last enemy during the year just closed. In our jurisdiction our highly esteemed and much beloved R. E. Sir John McClelland, Past Grand Commander, has

fallen asleep. He had served his day and generation well, and went to his rest after he had lived out the allotted years of human existence. He has left us an example of modesty, unselfishness, blamelessness, kindness and charity that we may copy with profit here, and with an assurance of happiness hereafter.

Our beloved Frater was born at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1814, and removed to Tennessee in 1847. In 1858 he received the Orders of Knighthood in Nashville Commandery, No. 1, of which he became a most active and useful member, filling all its stations with great efficiency. In 1865 he was chosen Deputy Grand Commander, and in 1866 he became Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Tennessee. From 1871 to 1875 he held the office of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery. He died at his home in Nashville, August 1, 1885. In general order number one, this sad bereavement was published to our Fraters of the Order of the Temple and of Malta. I have also arranged for the holding of a conclave of sorrow to his memory on this Tuesday evening. Past Grand Commander C. G. CONNOR has been requested to conduct the same.

# NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The following explains itself:

The twenty-fifth annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of the State of Tennessee, will be held, commencing on the third Tuesday, the seventeenth day of May, 1887, at a place to be designated by the Grand Commander.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Grand Recorder, ex-officio committee on correspondence, submits his report of the transactions of thirty-four grand jurisdictions, being the entire number of those with which his jurisdiction is in correspondence.

Michigan, for 1885, has her place in line, and for personal allusions the writer bows low—very low.

#### CONCLUSION.

Without apology we give Sir Foster's "finally" in full:

The learned Teufelsdrockh remarked, "Society, which the more I think of it astonishes me the more, is founded upon Cloth," and forthwith proceeded to formulate his well-known, profound "Philosophy of Clothes," in which it is conclusively demonstrated that the fate of Nations, as well as the prosperity, happiness and present and future welfare of each individual, depends upon the color, style and texture of the clothes that are worn. Without them we are but a set of "forked, straddling animals with bandy

legs." With appropriate garments one man is a judge, another a criminal; one man is a general, a duke or a bishop, and another a savage or a peasant, his character and rank depending upon the clothes that he wears, etc., etc.

Had the learned professor of "Things in General" enjoyed the privilege, as we have, of a careful study of the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Commanderies, he might have been still further confirmed in his belief, and added that a noble and magnanimous Order is principally engaged in discussing the style of clothes that shall be worn by its members; and the profound problem which disturbs its deep thinkers, and consumes the time of its Conclaves, is one of "BUTTONS." "Buttons of brass!" cries one faction. "Buttons of cloth!" cries the other; and the war of the roses will be forgotten in the greater magnitude and importance of this modern battle of the buttons. So momentous are the issues involved, that it is generally anticipated that the great Conclave at St. Louis in September will be largely devoted to a display, if not to the discussion of buttons and clothes.

Other topics are dwarfed into insignificance. The dogma of the Trinity, for instance, has largely passed out of the field of discussion; everybody, we suppose, being content to entertain the same opinions he had before the discussion commenced.

Tactics and drill are alluded to, but not with any controversial spirit. "Grant's tactics" is adopted in a large majority of the States.

Ritual is much discussed, and a few sanguine writers express a belief that the time will come when the Grand Encampment, having recovered from the exhaustion consequent upon the production of the twin rituals of Malta, will be found in the interesting process of formulating something authoritative for the Templar and Red Cross. Let us hope that next time it will not be twins; it is so hard to say which is the prettiest, without offending the fond mother.

Abuse of the Grand Encampment has been suspended, and a truce declared until after the Triennial Conclave of 1886. It is confidently expected by loyal Knights that upon that occasion great things in the way of business will astonish the world.

High Grade Masonry is persistently, extensively, and we presume, learnedly, written about by a few standard authorities, but as it is a subject that we don't know anything about, and don't care anything about, we beg to be excused from expressing any opinion. When we arrive at the exalted position of Sovereign Grand Hyphlier of the 9990, etc., then, and not till then, will we consent to tell all we know or think about it.

# OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Henry Clay Hensley, Nashville, elected Grand Commander.

Sir WILBUR FISK FOSTER, Nashville, re-elected Grand Recorder.

# TEXAS.

HE twenty-third annual conclave was held at Corsicana, May 12, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Fourteen subordinate Commanderies represented.

OBITUARY.

The Grand Commander, in referring to the death of Past Grand Commander Sir Benjamin A. Potts, says:

No words can portray the sorrow and regret his Fraters feel at so sad a bereavement. We miss him here to-day; the place he filled for so many years is vacant, and none can fill it.

#### RESOLUTION.

The following, laid over from last year, was adopted:

Resolved, That in elections for officers in this Grand Commandery, it shall not be in order to make nominations.

## PLACE OF MEETING CHANGED.

For some reason, not fully explained, the R. E. Grand Commander saw fit to change the place of meeting of Grand Commandery, and his action being questioned, same was referred to a special committee, who reported thereupon as follows:

Resolved, That the R. E. Grand Commandery of Texas hereby expresses its regret that, owing to the threatening condition of public affairs at the time the R. E. Grand Commander ordered the change in the place of meeting of this Grand Commandery, he was impelled to order said change.

Resolved, That this Grand Commandery knows that the R. E. Grand Commander acted in said matter with an eye single to the welfare of the Order, and that he, together with this Grand Commandery, hereby tenders to El Paso Commandery, No. 18, their regrets that the Grand Commandery has been unable to meet in their Asylum at this time, and hereby assures said Commandery of the fraternal feeling existing towards El Paso Commandery by this grand body, individually and collectively.

#### HIS SALARY.

The Grand Recorder's salary was fixed at \$500.00 per annum. Little enough for the labor performed.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir John C. McCoy submits the report on correspondence. Thirty-four sister grand jurisdictions are fraternally reviewed. Michigan, for 1885, has a place in the review. Sir McCoy says "the old work of the Order of Malta is still used in that (this) jurisdiction, and is a violation (we presume he means to say edict or law) of the Grand Encampment of the United States." You are wrong, Sir McCoy, the Grand Encampment promulgated no new Malta Work that conflicts with ours. We are, by the order of that body, authorized to use either the long or short form. We preferred the latter.

# "OUR LOYALTY."

This jurisdiction now uses the entire work as adopted at last triennial. We are loyal—"awfully" loyal, to the Grand Encampment.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir T. U. LUBBOCK, Houston, elected Grand Commander. Sir Robert Brewster, Houston, re-elected Grand Recorder.

## DEATH OF SIR EDWARD W. TAYLOR.

The following general order was issued by the Grand Commander:

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Texas,
Office of Grand Commander,
Houston, Texas, November 8, 1886.

To the Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Texas, Officers and Members of all Subordinate Commanderies of this Jurisdiction, Sir Knights:

It becomes my painful duty to announce that death has invaded our Asylum, and taken our beloved Frater, Past Grand Commander EDWARD W. TAYLOR. His labors are ended, and he is at rest forever.

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He was a warm-hearted friend, a devoted father and husband, a useful citizen, a zealous Mason and a true and courteous Knight. While we lament his loss, and sympathize with his family, we can console ourselves with the reflection that our loss is his eternal gain. His attendance and devotion to the sick, during yellow fever epidemics alone, are sufficient to cause him to be remembered in the hearts of many.

Sir EDWARD W. TAYLOR, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Texas, died in the city of Houston, November 5, 1886, at his residence, in the seventy-third year of his age. He was created a Knight Templar in Ruthven Commandery, No. 2, April 11, 1849, and was elected Grand Commander in 1857. He was Past Grand Master of Masons, and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and Grand High Priest of the Order of High Priesthood. He had filled many positions in civic life, all of which he discharged faithfully.

It is therefore ordered, as a token of respect to his memory, that the foregoing be read at the head of the lines, at the stated conclave after its reception, and that the usual emblems of mourning be displayed in each Commandery of this grand jurisdiction, until the next annual conclave of the Grand Commandery.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery, November 8, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

THEODORE U. LUBBOCK,

Grand Commander.

Attest: R. Brewster,

Grand Recorder.



# VERMONT.

HE forty-fourth annual conclave was held at Burlington, June 8, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Nine subordinate Commanderies represented.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.

The R. E. Grand Commander being informed of the presence of the acting Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, (V. E. Sir Charles Roome, of New York City,) appointed V. E. George W. Wing, Deputy Grand Commander, and E. Delos M. Bacon, Grand Generalissimo, as a committee to wait upon him and escort him into the Asylum. The Very Eminent Sir Knight having been introduced, was received with the honors due his official station.

## GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

We quote the following from the Grand Commander's address:

The falling drop makes its sculpture in the sand or upon the stone. Every footstep upon the ground prints in characters more or less lasting, a map of the march. Every act of the man inscribes itself in the memories of his fellows, and in his own manners and face. Everywhere we recognize an individual influence exerting an expansive force with incalculable results for good or evil. Let us take due guard that as Templars our example will be stamped upon the actions of those with whom we have to do, for the advancement of those virtues which our beautiful allegorical work inculcates.

Let us each and all strive so to develop the springs of personal worth and dignity, that our lives may add honor to our Order. Then, as we become true to our better nature—loving, faithful, honest, reverent and thoughtful—we learn how to use the world aright, and all the ordinances of life seem to be established for great and wise purposes. We are thus imbued with faith in adversity, humility in success, and hope in death, moving valiantly forward and upward in the ranks, purged of all the objectionable

traits which make the worldly and selfish man. Perfect we can not be, but we can raise the standard of our daily life by a line of action that will show that the lessons we have learned in this Order have not been in vain, but have left a deep and lasting impression upon our life and conduct.

#### TRANSACTIONS.

Proceedings are local in their character.

The Grand Treasurer was authorized to effect a loan to meet current expenses.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir Frederick S. Fisher writes the report on correspondence. It is, as in times gone by, courteous and fraternal. Michigan, for 1885, is reviewed by the good Sir Knight. He appears to like our Michigan, but does not agree with us in the adoption of Ascension Day Service. After noting our action on that subject, he says:

We lament this action, which confirms a fear that we have all along felt, that is: If Templars should adopt church days, they might, without design, but thoughtlessly, use those days in ways inconsistent with their services, which the church celebrates, and which, if that be not thought a sufficient reason, with customs thus consecrated by ages.

For the uses of antiquity, Templars profess respect and reverence. Now Ascension Day is not a time to remember the dead, not of sadness. It is a bright festival, on which there was joy and gladness. It was the return of the Living Redeemer to the Throne of the Father, where He ever liveth to receive all who have received Him by their righteousness. As well might we on Ascension Day commemorate the Birth in Bethlehem and Death on Calvary. There is a day which has been kept for centuries to commemorate the loved and faithful departed, All Saints Day. Now, no Grand Commandery is obliged to keep any day of the Church of Christ; yet we hold and maintain that if it selects a day to commemorate, it is obliged to keep it in the intent and purposes with which the Church keeps it. No Grand Commander is obliged to quote Scripture, but if he does quote it in all honesty, he is obligated to quote it correctly. Ascension Day is not a day of the dead, and nobody can so pervert it. All Saints Day is not the Ascension, but the day to remember the departed, as we visit their last visible resting place.

Perhaps Sir Fisher is right. Indeed he ought to be, as it is in "his line;" but if the observance of any day can do a

Templar good, and direct his thoughts, even a short time, from things on earth to things above, it is well we set it apart and dedicate it to deeds of more exalted usefulness.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir George W. Wing, Montpelier, elected Grand Commander.

Sir Warren G. Reynolds, Burlington, elected Grand Recorder.



# VIRGINIA.

HE sixty-fourth annual conclave was held at Richmond, November 16, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Ten subordinate Commanderies represented.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF UNITED STATES.

Speaking of the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the Grand Commander says:

The tendency of the general legislation in the Grand Encampment was, I think, decidedly towards a wider scope and more extended powers to the several Grand Commanderies, than a strict construction of the code of statutes would seem to imply. The sentiment, I am sure, is dominant in the Grand Encampment, that Grand Commanderies should be allowed to administer their internal affairs in their own way, provided they keep themselves within the pale of the constitution of the Sovereign Grand Body. Of the numerous amendments proposed to the constitution and code, none I believe were passed, if we except the question of uniform. This vexed and annoying question is, I trust, now once and forever settled. It was enacted that hereafter all Commanderies receiving their charters direct from the Grand Encampment, shall wear what is known as the regulation uniform, except Washington Commandery, No. 1, of the District of Columbia, that they be permitted to retain and wear the black uniform. That the several State Grand Commanderies be permitted to take jurisdiction of the whole matter in their own territory, and prescribe such uniform as their own judgment may dictate to be worn by their own subordinates. The Grand Encare punch, however, still reserves the right to prescribe absolutely the insignia. of rank to be worn by the officers of all Templar bodies.

## RESOLUTION.

The Grand Commandery resolved:

That affiliation in some regular Lodge and Chapter shall be a necessary prerequisite for affiliation or membership in any Commandery.

Transactions local in their character.

## NO REPORT.

The low state of the finances prevented the printing report on correspondence, although the committee was  $p^{re}$  pared with the work.

## NEXT CONCLAVE.

The time for holding next grand conclave was left the decision of the Grand Commander. Place was fixed the Petersburg.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir William Henry Harrison Lynn, Staunton, elected

Sir William B. Isaacs, Richmond, re-elected Grand  $R_{e}$ -corder.

## ADORNMENT.

A most excellent likeness of Past Grand Master of K. T. WITHERS adorns the front page of these proceedings.

# WISCONSIN.

HE twenty-eighth annual conclave was held at Milwaukee, October 12, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

Nineteen subordinate Commanderies represented.

STATE OF THE ORDER.

On the state of the Order the Grand Commander says:

The general condition of the Order has, as in the past, been healthy, prosperous, and productive of that Knightly virtue—fraternal love. In some sections within this jurisdiction, a greater interest than heretofore has been manifested by some of our Fraters in the welfare of their Commanderies, and it has been most pleasing to watch the activity that has resulted therefrom, and the consequent healthy growth and increase of membership.

The increase of new members throughout the State is most flattering, being fully equal to ten per cent. of the whole membership.

No discord or dissensions have entered here, and Masonic and Knightly honor has guarded our entrances, preventing the appearance of those sad and regretful experiences of some other jurisdictions.

## GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

He gives an extended report of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment from his standpoint.

## AMENDMENTS.

The grand constitution was amended to conform to code and statutes as amended by Grand Encampment of the United States, at last triennial.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

Sir WILLIAM C. Swain presents the report on correspondence. In his opening he says:

We present, herewith, our fourth report. It has been wrought in the shadow of a great sorrow and a great loss, and is not what we could have wished; nevertheless, the labor upon it has been of inexpressible benefit, in not leaving time for loneliness, and vain longings, and regrets. What a blessing is labor to him who is in the shadow of affliction.

How fully we, personally, echo his words. Labor, we had almost said, is the greatest of blessings to us in the hour of affliction, as it is the only means we have of "getting away from ourselves."

## SYMPATHY.

We deeply sympathize with you, Sir Knight. Sympathy is ours to give; consolation comes from the great God above, and nothing but time and a firm reliance on "Him who does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men," can blunt the deep, deep wounds made by such a loss as yours.

#### MICHIGAN.

Sir Swain courteously reviews Michigan, for 1886. He quotes Guilbert (the only), of Iowa, on "our Hugh," as follows:

By the by, I now recall an interesting fact which deserves mention. Despatches from Innes, and other chiefs of the American Templar "Press Association," erewhile announced the transfer from "High Olympus" to the Peninsular State of the famous Zeus and Apollo "combination," and the appointment of a justly distinguished citizen of that commonwealth as manager thereof. The actors are all gods. They have made several very brilliant appearances on Templar platforms, where the manager has done the speaking and the immortals have posed as statutes, "to point the moral and adorn the tale." The gods speak only Greek, which is "Greek" to the rank and file of the Order. Hence their silence. The American people do so love foreign aristocracy, that to the presence of this classic combination probably is due the growing tendency in Grand Commanders to ape the pose, though, unfortunately, not the dumbness of the respective gods.

# And says:

We notice one peculiarity of Templar ceremonial, which is not confined to Michigan. McCurdy, Roome, and others are officers of the Grand Encampment. They are also members of their respective Grand Commanderies. They are present at the opening of the latter bodies, appointed on committees, and take active part in the proceedings. By and by comes a lull in the business, and they disappear, cease to be members, and are announced and received with a flourish of trumpets as Representatives of the Grand Encampment. All of which may be well enough, and is a mere mat-

ter of taste, but seems to us a little stilted, and to be classified under the same general head with "invasions of jurisdiction," etc.

Now we all like "our Hugh," and when we can't be good enough to him as a Past Grand Commander, we convert him into an officer of the Grand Encampment and give him a chance to say some pretty things to us—no harm done, and all are happy.

"PILGRIMAGES."

He says of Grand Commander HALL:

The Grand Commander says he had the *pleasure* of accompanying his Commandery on several pilgrimages. We supposed a pilgrimage was rather a sad occasion. Worcester gives one definition of it as "time irksomely spent." It doesn't seem to us, healthy, to *enjoy* a pilgrimage. However, *chacun a son gout*.

The fact of it is, we are all too much given to calling every little visitation, or gathering of our members, pilgrimages. It is a kind of "provincialism," and excusable.

# THANKS.

For personal allusions, thanks, "awfully" thanks.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Jeremiah Watts, Racine, elected Grand Commander. Sir John W. Laflin, Milwaukee, re-elected Grand Recorder.

# GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

HE twenty-third triennial conclave was held at St. Louis, Missouri, September 20, A. D. 1886, A. O. 768.

THE GRAND MASTER.

Sir Charles Roome, Deputy Grand Master, in the chair, owing to the illness of Sir Robert E. Withers, who, although present, was unable to preside.

#### SORELY AFFLICTED.

Of his absence, Sir Roome said:

The Grand Master is not with us, owing to an attack of severe illness. He has made a long journey to come here, and at great personal inconvenience, to discharge what he believed to be a solemn duty. In his endeavor to discharge that duty he has been and is sorely afflicted, and your sympathy should then go with him. He is deeply pained that this has occurred, and that after his long absence from this country, after his great desire to render to you an account of his stewardship, he should now be confined to his bed, so that I, by his order and according to your constitution, will endeavor, as well as I can, to discharge the duties for you which he could have so much better done. He has directed me, therefore, to issue an edict of his deep regret, his very great sorrow, at not being with you. Our Grand Master is absent.

Owing to the absence of Sir WITHERS during the past two years, most of the duties of the office devolved upon Sir ROOME.

#### NEW RITUAL ADOPTED.

A new ritual was adopted and the committee authorized to promulgate the same. All State Grand Commanderies and subordinates under the Grand Encampment are ordered to use no other.

We would criticise it "muchly" if it would accomplish

any good. But as it is now the work we will try to build it up, not pull it down.

We are in receipt of the number allotted to our Grand Commandery.

QUESTION OF UNIFORM.

The uniform question, we rejoice to say, is settled, and is, as it should be, left to each State to decide for itself, except as to shoulder straps, which are under the control of the Grand Encampment. This vexed question, we hope, is settled forever, and its ghost will cease to stalk around at every triennial.

#### APPEALS.

The vital question, so far as our jurisdiction was concerned, was the appeal of Lansing Commandery from the action of our Grand Commandery in granting a charter to form a Commandery at Charlotte. As we had every reason to expect, the appeal was dismissed and the Grand Commandery sustained. This is as it should be. Nothing short of that action could have suited the majority of the States.

Indiana's case, which was similar, was decided in the same way.

## AMENDMENT.

An amendment was made to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment covering the ground taken by Michigan, thus making it impossible to appeal from the action of a State Grand Commandery, under like circumstances. We commend most heartily the action of the Grand Encampment.

NOT AGREED TO.

The appeal from Pennsylvania, and other States, was listened to with respect, but not agreed to.

## DID FAIRLY WELL.

Upon the whole we think the last Triennial was a more progressive and useful session than many that preceded it, and continued improvement in the same direction will doubtless have a tendency to make a better and more harmonious feeling between the State Grand Commanderies and the Grand Encampment.

THEY WERE THE "WHEEL-HORSES."

The most marked change in the grand officers was the retirement of Grand Treasurer John W. Simons and Grand Recorder Theodore S. Parvin. We part with great regret with these old "wheel-horses" of Templar Masonry, and wish them every blessing of this life in their retirement. We welcome those chosen in their stead with a true knightly welcome.

## MICHIGAN HONORED.

Michigan is again honored by the election of one of her most illustrious Sir Knights, Hugh McCurdy, to the office of Grand Generalissimo.

The honor is duly appreciated, and we give our assurances to the officers and members of the Grand Encampment that Sir Hugh will always, in the future as in the past, be ready, in season and out of season, to vindicate the honor and assert the just rights of Templar Masonry throughout the length and breadth of the land.

No duties will be found too arduous for his willing hands and head to perform, and, our word for it, he will be ever ready to draw his sword in vindication of the noble tenets of our Order.

Michigan is honored—and Templar Masonry is honored, by this generous act of the Grand Encampment, and we say again, thanks.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Sir Charles Roome, New York, elected Grand Master. Sir William B. Isaacs, Richmond, Va., elected Grand Recorder.

# CONCLUSION.

S usual, the reports on correspondence form a most important and instructive part of Grand Commandery proceedings. In them are reflected the thoughts of our brightest Templar minds, and from them we can obtain a store-house of Templar knowledge.

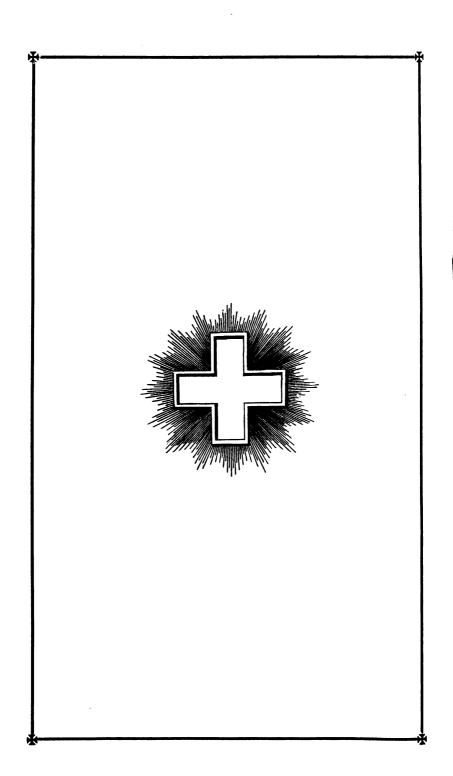
Personally, the writer is under many obligations for kind words spoken of him by the several members of the corps reportorial, and while some think we might do better in certain directions, others express themselves satisfied with our labors.

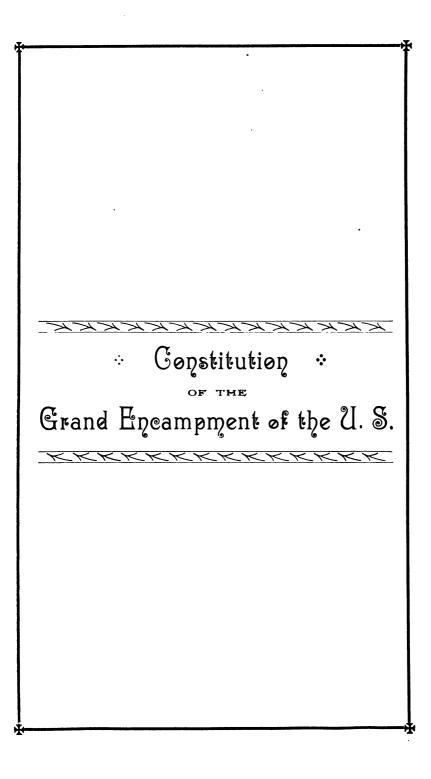
Upon the whole, we have reason to be indebted to one and all, and we now record ourselves as at peace with the entire corps, and with most cordial good wishes to one and all, leave you for another year.

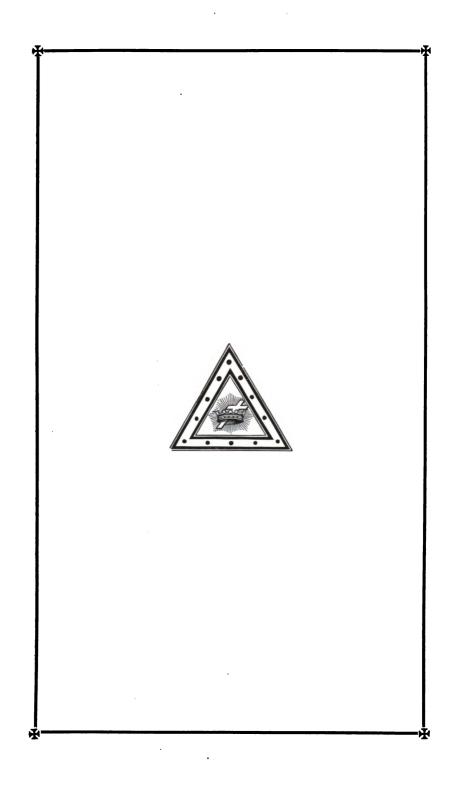
WILLIAM P. INNES.

For Committee.









# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# GRAND ENGAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ADOPTED 1877, AND AS AMENDED 1886.

## ARTICLE I.

THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT-OF WHOM COMPOSED.

ECTION 1. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States consists of the following members:

The Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Generalissimo.

The Grand Captain General.

The Grand Prelate.

The Grand Senior Warden.

The Grand Junior Warden.

The Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder.

The Grand Standard Bearer.

The Grand Sword Bearer.

The Grand Warder.

The Grand Captain of the Guard—the first nine of whom, (except the Grand Prelate,) shall be elected by ballot, and the remaining five shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

All Past Grand Masters.

All Past Deputy Grand Masters.

All Past Grand Generalissimos, and

All Past Grand Captains General of the Grand Encampment.

All Grand Commanders.

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All Past Grand Commanders.

All Deputy Grand Commanders.

All Grand Generalissimos, and

\* All Grand Captains General of each Grand Commandery acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment; each of whom shall be entitled, when present, to one vote, and no more, (except as proxy,) in all the proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

The first three officers of each Commandery holding its charter immediately from the Grand Encampment, who, or as many of whom as may be present at any conclave of the Grand Encampment, shall be entitled, collectively, to one vote.

- SEC. 2. All officers of the late General Grand Encampment shall rank and have all the privileges of members of equal rank, as provided for herein.
- SEC. 3. No person shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Encampment, unless he shall be at the time a member of some subordinate Commandery, under the general or immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

#### PROXIES.

SEC. 4. The first four officers named in the first section; the first four officers of Grand Commanderies, and the first three officers of subordinate chartered Commanderies, held under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, may appear and vote by proxy; said proxy being, at the time of service, a member of a subordinate Commandery, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment. Provided, however, that said proxy shall in his own right be a member of the body from which he is thus commissioned.

#### TITLES.

SEC. 5. The title and designation of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States, is *Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar*.

That of the Deputy Grand Master, Right Eminent.

That of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment, Very Eminent.

## CONCLAVES.

- SEC. 6. A Grand Conclave of the Grand Encampment shall be held triennially, at such time and place as may have been previously designated by the standing committee, and approved by the Grand Encampment.
- SEC. 7. Special conclaves may be called by the Most Eminent Grand Master, at his discretion. And it shall be his *duty*, upon the requisition of the majority of the Grand Commanderies, to him directed in writing, to call a special conclave.

SEC. 8. No business shall be transacted at a special conclave, except that which was specified in the original summons.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES.

SEC. 9. The Grand Encampment, at its regular conclaves, shall review and consider all the official reports of its officers, and the proceedings of the Grand Commanderies and subordinate Commanderies under its immediate jurisdiction, for the preceding three years.

It shall elect by ballot its several officers, except the Grand Prelate, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, and Grand Captain of the Guard, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, to serve during his term of office.

It shall adopt such rules and edicts as may be necessary for the good of the Order.

It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

It shall supervise the condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost fidelity and punctuality on the part of every accounting officer, in the safe-keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Encampment.

It may grant or withhold warrants, dispensations, and charters for new grand or subordinate Commanderies.

For good cause, it may revoke pre-existing warrants, charters or dispensations.

It shall assign the limits of the Grand Commanderies, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.

And finally, it shall consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of the principles of Templar Masonry.

SEC. 10. At every conclave, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the vote is equally divided, he has the casting vote.

SEC. II. This Grand Encampment being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, admits an appeal to be taken by any member from the decision of the chair on any question under consideration therein. *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be maintained unless two-thirds of all the members present shall vote therefor.

This rule is adopted for this Grand Encampment alone, and is not to be construed as establishing a precedent for the guidance of any other Masonic body.

#### TENURE OF OFFICE.

SEC. 12. The officers of the Grand Encampment shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

## THE GRAND MASTER.

SEC. 13. It is the prerogative and duty of the Grand Master, generally to exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his high office, in accordance with the usages of Templar Masonry.

And as a part thereof, he shall have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies, grand and subordinate, in the United States, and see that all the constitutional enactments, statutes, and edicts of the Grand Encampment are duly and promptly observed.

And that the work and discipline of Templar Masonry everywhere, are uniform throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment; and that the dress is uniform, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Encampment.

Among his special duties and prerogatives, are the following:

To appoint the Grand Prelate, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Captain of the Guard, to serve during his term of office.

To visit and preside in any Commandery, grand or subordinate, in the United States, and give such instruction or directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the constitution, statutes and edicts of the Grand Encampment.

To cause to be executed, and securely to preserve and keep, the official bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

To grant letters of dispensation, during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the institution of new Commanderies, such dispensations to be in force no longer than the next Triennial Conclave of that body, and promptly to notify the Grand Recorder of the issuing of said letters of dispensation.

To grant warrants during the recess of the Grand Encampment for the institution of Grand Commanderies in States, districts or Territories, where the same have not been heretofore established.

To manage and control his contingent fund.

#### THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

SEC. 14. The Deputy Grand Master, in the event of the death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Master. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Encampment or the Grand Master.

#### THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

SEC. 15. In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall severally act as Grand Master, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

#### THE GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 16. The Grand Treasurer, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Encampment, shall invest, from time to time, all such moneys as may come to his hands, belonging to the Grand Encampment, over and above the sum of three hundred dollars, in such way as he may judge most to the interest of the Grand Encampment, but subject to call on thirty days' notice. And the same shall be at his command on the first day of the month preceding the Triennial meeting of the Grand Encampment.

He shall render to the Grand Encampment, at its Triennial Conclaves, a true and perfect account of his doings in this respect, together with an account of all moneys received, and the earnings thereon accrued from investments, and the amounts disbursed by him during the vacation.

Also a copy of the same to the Grand Master, by the first day of the month preceding the Triennial meeting, to the end that the Grand Master may make such suggestions on account thereof as he may deem necessary.

He shall pay all drafts drawn upon the contingent fund by the Grand Master.

He shall carefully preserve, and render from time to time, as ordered, an inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Encampment entrusted to his keeping.

# THE GRAND RECORDER.

SEC. 17. The Grand Recorder shall collect and receive all the revenue of the Grand Encampment, and pay over the amount to the Grand Treasurer whenever it reaches the sum of one hundred dollars.

He shall render, annually, to the Grand Master and to the Grand Treasurer, copies of his accounts of all moneys received and paid to the Grand Treasurer—naming the sources from which they were received—bringing up said accounts to the first day of September; *Provided*, that in the year in which the conclave is held, it shall be rendered the first day of the month preceding;

And also to the Grand Encampment, triennially, a general account of the same, with his expenditures of the "contingent fund" of his office.

He shall forward to each newly constituted Commandery, immediately

upon receiving official notice that a dispensation has issued, a copy of this constitution, together with whatever statutes and edicts are in force.

He shall report to the Grand Encampment on the first day of each Triennial meeting, the names of the Grand Commanderies, and of those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition to furnish him with its full annual historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Encampment.

He shall report annually, on the first day of September, except the year of the Grand Conclave, when it shall be a month preceding, to the Grand Master, the names of the Grand Commanderies, and those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requisition to furnish its full annual historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Master.

He shall open and keep a "Book of Templar Masonry" in which shall be entered, in appropriate columns, the following subjects:

- A. A register of Commanderies—to contain,
- I. The date of issuing every warrant by the Grand Master for the forming of a Grand Commandery.

The date of issuing every dispensation for a subordinate Commandery, and—

The date of issuing every charter for a subordinate Commandery.

Granted by authority of the Grand Encampment since its origin, (1816.)

II. The roll of officers of the "Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta, in England and Wales."

The roll of Priories and officers of the "Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta for the Dominion of Canada."

- B. A register of membership.
- I. The roll of officers of the Grand Encampment, with their terms of service, etc., since the origin of the same.
- II. The roll of elective officers of the Grand Commanderies, terms of service, etc., from the organization of each.

The roll of officers of the subordinate Commanderies working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

With all the current changes resulting from dimissions, suspensions, expulsions and deaths.

- C. Historical data, tending to complete the history of Templar Masonry in the United States.
- I. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of all the proceedings of the Grand Encampment since its organization.
- II. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the proceedings of all the Grand Commanderies, from the organization of each.

To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the by-laws of all the Grand Commanderies.

To collect and bind in an orderly volume, impressions of the seals of all the Grand Commanderies.

III. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the by-laws of all the subordinate Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

To collect and bind in an orderly volume, impressions of the seals of each subordinate Commandery working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

And he shall also make a triennial report to the Grand Encampment of his official acts.

## THE REMAINING OFFICERS.

SEC. 18. The duties of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment are such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or such as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- SEC. 19. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain General, are severally authorized to visit and preside in any Commandery of Knights Templar throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the institution may require, always adhering to the constitution, statutes and edicts of the Grand Encampment.
- SEC. 20. In the event of the absence of all the four principal officers of the Grand Encampment, the Past Grand officers, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.
- SEC. 21. The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall severally give bond, with sureties, in such form and to such an amount—but not less than double the estimated triennial receipts by either—as shall from time to time be determined by the Grand Master, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bonds and sureties, and who shall keep and preserve the same.
- SEC. 22. Any grand officer, save as above excepted, coming into the receipt of moneys or property belonging to the Grand Encampment, shall, forthwith, remit the same to the Grand Recorder.

# ARTICLE II.

# GRAND COMMANDERIES-HOW CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 23. Whenever there shall be three or more subordinate chartered Commanderies, instituted or holden under this constitution, in any one State,

district, or Territory, in which a Grand Commandery has not been heretofore formed, a Grand Commandery may be formed, after obtaining the warrant of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 24. Its jurisdiction shall be the territorial limits in which it is holden.

SEC. 25. The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is recognized as holding jurisdiction over both those States.

#### OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 26. A Grand Commandery consists of the following members:

The Grand Commander.

The Deputy Grand Commander.

The Grand Generalissimo.

The Grand Captain General.

The Grand Prelate.

The Grand Senior Warden.

The Grand Junior Warden.

The Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Recorder.

The Grand Standard Bearer.

The Grand Sword Bearer.

The Grand Warder, and

The Grand Captain of the Guard:

The first nine of whom shall be elected by ballot, and the remaining four shall be elected or appointed, as the Grand Commandery may direct.

All Past Grand Commanders.

All Past Deputy Grand Commanders.

All Past Grand Generalissimos, and

All Past Grand Captains General, of the same Grand Commandery, solong as they remain members of the subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

The Commander.

The Generalissimo, and

The Captain General of each subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

All Past Commanders of the subordinate Commanderies working under the same Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction: *Provided*, however, that when a Past Commander changes his membership to a subordinate of a different Grand Commandery, such Grand Commandery may elect him to membership therein, to continue as long as he is a member of a subordinate Commandery under its jurisdiction.

Each of whom shall be entitled, when present, to one vote, and no more, (except as proxy,) in all the proceedings of the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 27. No person shall be eligible to any office in a State Grand Commandery, unless he shall be at the time a member of some subordinate Commandery, working under the same Grand Commandery.

#### PROXIES.

SEC. 28. Any officer specified in the twenty-sixth section, except Past Commanders, may appear and vote by proxy, said proxy being at the time of service a member of the same subordinate Commandery as his principal, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

#### TITLES.

SEC. 29. The title and designation of the Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery, is Right Eminent.

That of Deputy Grand Commander, Very Eminent.

Of the remaining officers of the Grand Commandery, Eminent.

## CONCLAVES,

SEC. 30. Each Grand Commandery shall hold a regular conclave annually, at such time and place as it may direct.

SEC. 31. Special conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander.

SEC. 32. No business shall be transacted at a special conclave except that which was specified in the original summons.

## POWERS AND DUTIES.

SEC. 33. Each Grand Commandery, at its annual conclave, shall review and consider all the official reports of its officers, and the proceedings of its subordinates for the preceding year.

It shall elect by ballot its several officers: *Provided*, that the Grand Standard Bearer, the Grand Sword Bearer, the Grand Warder, and the Grand Captain of the Guard, may be elected or *appointed*, as the Grand Commandery may direct.

It shall have power to adopt such rules and edicts, subordinate to the constitution and statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, as may be necessary for the good of the Order.

It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

It shall supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe-keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Commandery.

It may grant or withhold dispensations and charters for new Commanderies.

For good cause it may revoke any pre-existing charter or dispensation. It may assign the limits of subordinate Commanderies within its own jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.

And finally, it shall consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of Templar Masonry, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

SEC. 34. At every conclave, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote.

SEC. 35. No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from the decision of the Grand Commander, except on questions arising as to the construction of the rules and edicts of the Grand Commandery.

#### TENURE OF OFFICE.

SEC. 36. The several grand officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

#### THE GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 37. The Grand Commander shall have a watchful supervision over all the subordinate Commanderies under his jurisdiction, and see that the constitution, statutes and edicts of the Grand Encampment, and the constitution, rules and edicts of his own Grand Commandery are duly and promptly observed.

He shall have the power and authority, during the recess of his Grand Commandery, to grant letters of dispensation to nine or more petitioners residing within his jurisdiction, and possessing the constitutional qualifications empowering them to form and open a Commandery.

Such dispensation shall be in force no longer than the next annual conclave of his Grand Commandery.

But no letters of dispensation for constituting a new Commandery shall be issued, save upon the recommendation of the Commandery in the same territorial jurisdiction nearest the location of the new Commandery prayed for. *Provided*, *however*, That in the event of the refusal of the nearest Commandery to grant a recommendation, application may be made to the Grand Commandery direct, which shall have the power, if they deem it advisable, to grant a dispensation or charter without such recommendation.

During the recess of his Grand Commandery, he may suspend from the functions of his office any officer of the Grand or subordinate Commandery, or arrest the charter or dispensation of a Commandery; but in neither case shall such suspension affect the standing in the Order of such officer, or his

membership in the Commandery. And he shall report his action in full therein to the next conclave of the Grand Commandery for its final action.

He may visit and preside at any Commandery within the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the constitution, statutes and edicts of the Grand Encampment, and the constitution, rules and edicts of his Grand Commandery.

It is his duty, either in person, or by proxy, to attend all conclaves of the Grand Encampment, and to see that the Grand Recorder *promptly* discharges the duty enjoined in section forty.

#### THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 38. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander. At all other times, he shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery.

It is his duty, either in person, or by proxy, to attend all conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

#### GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND CAPTAIN GENERAL.

SEC. 39. In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall severally act as Grand Commander, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commandery, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

It is their duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

## THE GRAND RECORDER.

SEC. 40. The Grand Recorder shall make an annual communication to the Grand Recorder of each of the other Grand Commanderies, likewise to the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

Said communication shall embrace the roll of grand officers, and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order.

He shall forward to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the first day of July, of each year, the annual returns and dues for his Grand Commandery.

He shall also annually transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States copies of all its printed proceedings, and of the statutes, rules and edicts adopted by his Grand Commandery.

#### THE REMAINING OFFICERS.

SEC. 41. The duties of the remaining officers, as well as those above specified, shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or allotted to them by the Grand Commandery, and corresponding as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SEC. 42. In the event of the absence of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, the Past Grand officers, according to the rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

# ARTICLE III.

# SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES - HOW CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 43. Each Grand Commandery shall have exclusive power to constitute new Commanderies within its jurisdiction.

SEC. 44. The Grand Encampment shall have exclusive power to constitute new Commanderies within any State, district, or Territory, wherein there is no Grand Commandery regularly formed under the authority of the Grand Encampment.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 45. A subordinate Commandery consists of the following members:

The Commander.

The Generalissimo.

The Captain General.

The Prelate.

The Senior Warden.

The Junior Warden.

The Treasurer.

The Recorder.

The Standard Bearer.

The Sword Bearer, and

The Warder:

As many members as may be found convenient for work and discipline; each of whom shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in the proceedings of the subordinate Commandery.

# TITLES.

SEC. 46. The title and designation of the Commander of a subordinate Commandery, is *Eminent*.

#### CONCLAVES.

SEC. 47. The stated conclaves of a subordinate Commandery shall be held at least semi-annually, at such time and place as may be specified in the charter, or designated in the by-laws of the Commandery.

SEC. 48. Special concloves may be called by the Commander.

SEC. 49. No business shall be transacted at the special conclave except that which was specified in the original summons.

## POWERS AND DUTIES.

SEC. 50. At every conclave, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote.

SEC. 51. No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from the decision of the Commander.

## OFFICERS.

SEC. 52. The several officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed.

#### THE COMMANDER.

SEC. 53. The Commander has it in special charge to see that the by-laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the constitution, statutes, rules and edicts of the Grand Commandery, and of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

That accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered.

That regular returns are made to the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid.

It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General, either in person or by proxy, to attend all conclaves of the Grand Encampment or of his Grand Commandery.

## THE RECORDER.

SEC. 54. It shall be the duty of the Recorder of every subordinate Commandery, working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment:

To report annually to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, up to the first day of July, the roll of his officers and members, and the working roll of his Commandery.

And to accompany the same with the amount of dues to the Grand Encampment; *Provided*, that in the year in which the grand conclave is held, these duties shall be reported a month preceding.

For failure herein, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to knightly discipline.

# GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SEC. 55. In the event of the absence of the first three officers of the Commandery, the Past Commanders, according to seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

## ARTICLE IV.

# MISCELLANEOUS-DUES, FEES, AND FINANCES.

- SEC. 56. The Grand Commanderies, in such manner as they may respectively determine, shall annually collect and pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, an amount equal to five cents for each Sir Knight returned as a member of their respective subordinate Commanderies, at the conclave of the Grand Commandery preceding July the first, in each year.
- SEC. 57. This fund, with the returns of the Grand Commandery, shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment on or before the first of July, in each year.
- SEC. 58. The fee for instituting a new Commandery shall not be less than ninety dollars.
- SEC. 59. For every Knight Templar created in any Commandery, whilst under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, there shall be paid two dollars into the treasury of the Grand Encampment.
- SEC. 60. The Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment shall receive ten dollars as his fee for each charter issued, and five dollars for endorsing, under the seal of the Grand Encampment, the extension of a dispensation.
- SEC. 61. The Grand Commanderies, respectively, shall possess authority, upon the institution of new Commanderies within their respective jurisdictions—

To require from the several Commanderies within their respective jurisdictions, such proportions of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders:

Also such sums, in the form of annual dues from their respective members, as may be necessary for supporting the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 62. No subordinate Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than twenty dollars.

# GRAND MASTER'S CONTINGENT FUND.

SEC. 63. There shall be a contingent fund of three hundred dollars, placed to the credit of the Most Eminent Grand Master, on the books of the Grand Treasurer, at the close of each Triennial Conclave, out of which the Grand Master shall reimburse himself for his necessary cash expenses in the performance of his constitutional duties, and make a triennial report of the same to the Grand Encampment.

## GRAND RECORDER'S CONTINGENT FUND.

SEC. 64. There shall be appropriated at each Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, a sufficient sum to be used by the Grand Recorder to meet the current expenses of the secretariat, of which he shall render an account at the succeeding Triennial Conclave.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS ONLY ELIGIBLE TO THE ORDERS.

SEC. 65. No Commandery, Grand or subordinate, shall confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any one who is not a regular Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

## ORDER OF SUCCESSION.

The rule of succession, in conferring the Orders of Knighthood, shall be as follows:

- 1. The Knight of the Red Cross.
- 2. Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta.

# COMMANDERY TO HAVE DISPENSATION OR CHARTER.

Every Commandery working in a State, district, or Territory, where there is a Grand Commandery, shall have a dispensation or charter from said Grand Commandery. And no Commandery hereafter to be formed or opened in such State, district, or Territory, shall be deemed legal without such dispensation or charter.

## WITHOUT CHARTER, ALL TEMPLAR COMMUNICATION FORBIDDEN.

All Templar communication is interdicted between any Commandery working under general or special jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, or any member thereof, and any Commandery, or member of such, that may be formed, opened, or holden in such State, district, or Territory, without such dispensation or charter.

# SOJOURNER NOT ELIGIBLE TO THE ORDERS.

It shall be deemed irregular for any Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood, or either of them, upon any sojourner whose place of residence is within any State, district, or Territory, in which there is a Commandery regularly at work, until the consent of the Commandery having territorial jurisdiction is first obtained.

# DISCIPLINE FOR VIOLATION OF (5).

In the event of the violation of this interdict, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to knightly discipline, and be required to pay over to the Commandery having jurisdiction the amount of fees received for such admission.

#### VOW OF OFFICE.

The officers of every Commandery, Grand and subordinate, before entering upon the exercise of their respective offices, shall take the following vow, viz: "I, (A. B.,) do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America."

#### PROXIES MAY CONSTITUTE.

The Grand Master of this Grand Encampment may issue his proxy to any Knight Templar in regular standing, authorizing him to constitute a subordinate Commandery which has received a charter; and any Commandery thus constituted shall be deemed regularly constituted.

## READING OF THE JOURNAL.

SEC. 66. After the opening of the Grand Encampment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to read the journal of the last Triennial Conclave, unless such reading be dispensed with; and, at the resumption of business in each successive morning session, the minutes of the preceding day shall also be read.

## COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

A committee on credentials, consisting of three, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of the Grand Conclave, to report at the opening of the next session; *Provided*, that no grand or subordinate Commandery shall be reported as represented, nor shall its representatives be entitled to seats, unless the dues shall have been paid, and the returns filed in the Grand Recorder's office.

## REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

After the report of this committee, the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, the Grand Captain General, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder, will successively read the reports of their doings during the preceding three years.

These reports shall be referred to the standing committee on the doings of the grand officers, who may recommend the appointment of such parts thereof to special, or to such other of the standing committees, as they may deem necessary.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

The standing committees shall be:

A committee on the doings of the grand officers.

A committee on finance.

A committee on dispensations and new Commanderies.

A committee on unfinished business.

A committee on grievances.

A committee on Templar jurisprudence.

A committee to designate the time of the next Triennial Conclave.

A committee on printing, consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Recorder, who shall determine, in the absence of a vote of the Grand Encampment, what portion of the proceedings shall be printed, and style in which it shall be done.

#### NEW BUSINESS.

While the several committees are preparing their reports, the new business may be acted upon; and if any subject is brought forward requiring a reference to any standing or special committee, it shall be so referred forthwith.

All committees shall report as soon as convenient after their appointment.

#### SPEAK BUT ONCE.

No Sir Knight shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, except to explain the meaning of some of his remarks, unless it be by special permission of the Grand Encampment first obtained.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Grand Encampment shall proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing three years, immediately after the opening of the first session, on Thursday following the commencement of the Triennial Conclave.

#### EXEMPLIFICATION OF THE WORK.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Master, at each Triennial Conclave, if time permit, to cause an exemplification of the work appertaining to the Orders of Knighthood before the Grand Encampment; and also to correct, officially, all irregularities and discrepancies that exist.

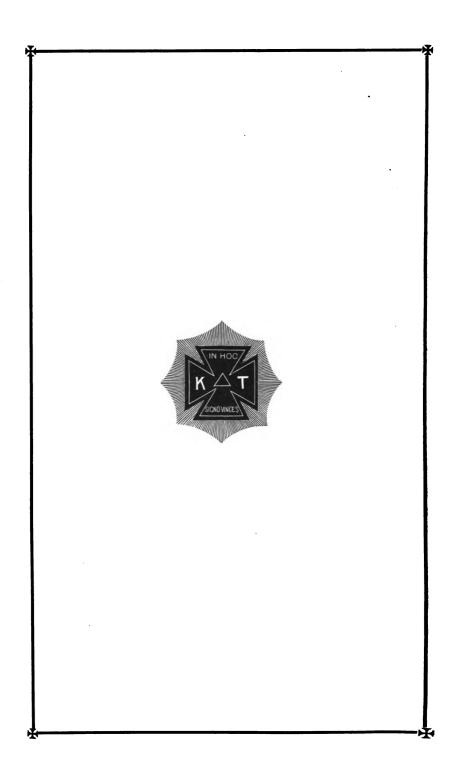
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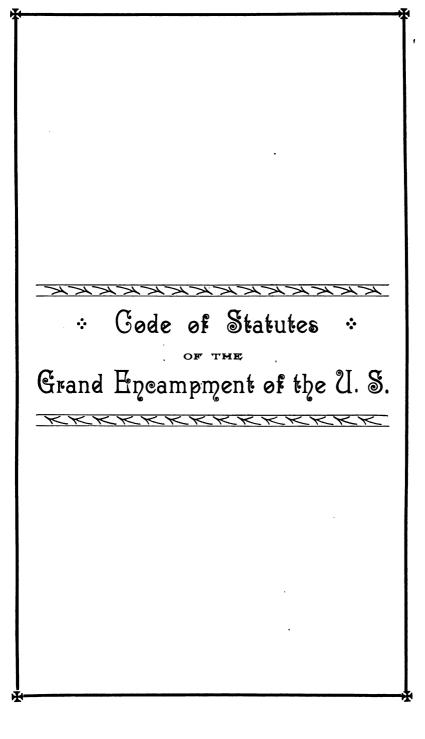
SEC. 67. The Grand Encampment shall be competent, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of its members present at any regular conclave, to revise, amend, and alter this constitution;

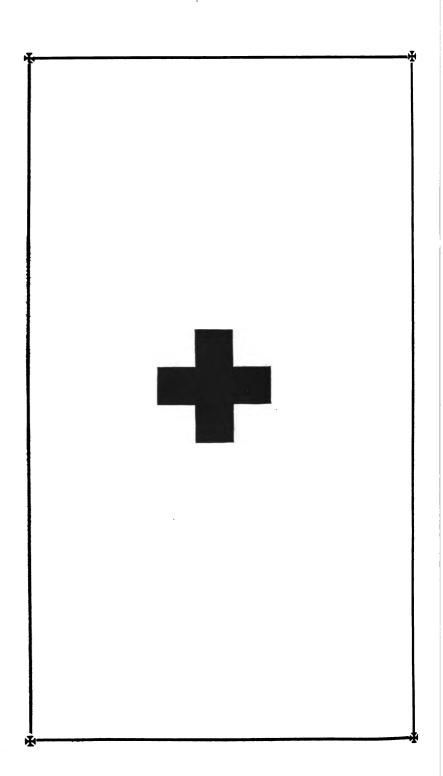
Provided, however, That any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change of the constitution, statutes, or rituals, shall give notice thereof in writing, to the Grand Recorder, at least four months before the day on which the Grand Conclave shall be held, at which such subject is to be discussed, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the summons; otherwise no such motion shall be entertained.

Provided, further, That the proposed amendments may be modified in any manner by the Grand Encampment, while the same is under consideration. No modification, however, shall be made not germain to the matter contained in the original proposed amendment.

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# CODE OF STATUTES

OF THE

# GRAND ENGAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE UNITED STATES OF HMERIGA.

ADOPTED 1877, AND AS AMENDED 1886.

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RIGHT OF APPEAL.—An expelled or suspended Knight has the right of appeal to his Grand Commandery.

EFFECT OF APPEAL.—An appeal taken from expulsion, or indefinite suspension, does not suspend the judgment appealed from. In other cases an appeal operates as a *supersedeas*.

If the judgment appealed from be reversed, the Knight who was under discipline is thereby restored to good standing and membership in his Commandery.

A Grand Commandery, upon an appeal, may modify the judgment of its subordinates.

If a Grand Commandery shall restore an expelled or suspended Knight to good standing merely, the Grand Recorder shall give a certificate to that effect.

An appeal taken and abandoned, leaves the judgment in full force.

APPEAL HOW HEARD.—A Grand Commandery acting upon an appeal, may admit the appellant to argue his own case, although he may have been expelled by his Commandery.

An accused may be represented by counsel at all stages of the trial; Provided such counsel be a Knight Templar in good standing.

APPEAL FROM THE GRAND COMMANDERY.—A decision of a Grand Commandery is final, and no appeal to the Grand Encampment can be taken unless the decision involves a construction of the constitution, code of statutes, or edicts of the Grand Encampment.

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MAY BE LEVIED.—A Commandery, Grand Commandery, and the Grand Encampment, respectively, have the right to levy and collect such prorata assessments as may be needed to pay the expenses of the body.

In the absence of any special law, a majority vote may determine the propriety of an assessment, and the amount thereof: *Provided*, however, a member of a subordinate Commandery may appeal to his Grand Commandery, if he feels aggrieved by such assessment, and claims that it is in violation of Templar law.

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bership, must be secret, and it must be sacred; and it can be taken only at a stated conclave, unless by written permission of the Grand Commander.

WHO IS TO VOTE.—Every member present when a ballot is taken is required to vote, unless excused by the Commandery before the balloting has commenced.

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## SECTION VI.—BUSINESS.

Business. When and where transacted.

WHERE AND WHEN TRANSACTED.—All business of the Commandery must be transacted in the Asylum, and at a stated conclave or at a special conclave; due notice of such conclave, and of the business to be transacted, having been given to each member of the Commandery. Arrangements for the funeral of a Knight may be made, and the Orders may be conferred at special conclaves.

## SECTION VII.-BURIAL.

- 1. Burial ceremony of 1859.
- 2. Unaffiliated not entitled to burial honors.
- 3. Escort duty.

RITUAL FOR.—When a Knight is buried by his Commandery, the burial ceremony approved by the Grand Encampment in 1859 must be observed.

RIGHT OF.—An unaffiliated Knight Templar is not entitled to the honors of knightly burial.

WHEN BY LODGE.—A Commandery may perform escort duty at the burial of a Knight by his Lodge, when so requested.

CEREMONIES .- See title "Ritual."

## SECTION VIII.—CHARTER.

- 1. Warrant necessary.
- 2. Charter required.
- 3. Loss of, supplied.
- 4. Charter, when surrendered.
- 5. Status of members when surrendered.
- 6. Charter surrendered may be restored.
- 7. Not to be constituted.

NECESSITY OF WARRANT OF GRAND MASTER.—A Grand Commandery cannot be constituted without the warrant of the Grand Master, although the Grand Encampment has authorized its formation.

A subordinate Commandery cannot be constituted without a duly executed charter.

Loss of.—If a Commandery should lose its charter, the Grand Commander can authorize it to hold conclaves and transact business, by issuing an order and setting forth the facts; which order shall have the effect of a charter, until a duplicate shall be issued by the Grand Commandery.

WHEN IT MAY BE SURRENDERED—No Commandery can surrender its charter so long as there are nine members of the Commandery who desire and are able to work under said charter, according to the constitution of the Grand Commandery.

WHEN SURRENDERED OR ARRESTED, STATUS OF MEMBERS.—When the charter of a Commandery shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall, upon payment of their dues to the Grand Commandery, be entitled, upon proper application, to a certificate of such good standing from the Grand Recorder having charge of the books and effects of the Commandery: *Provided*, however, in case of the arrest of the charter, the Grand Commander may suspend, and the Grand Commandery may prohibit the issuing of such certificates to those whose actions or neglect of duty may have caused the arrest of the charter.

SURRENDERED AND RESTORED.—A charter surrendered or arrested cannot be granted to form a new Commandery, but may be restored to the former members in good standing, who are unaffiliated.

In this case, it is not proper to constitute the Commandery again.

# SECTION IX. - COMMANDERIES.

- I. When a charter may issue.
- 2. Dimit not necessary.
- 3. Recommendation required.
- 4. When more than one may be required.
- 5. Traveling Commandery not allowed.
- 6. Commandery U. D. not constituted,
- 7. Extinct.
- 8. Cannot elect officers.
- 9. Nor be represented.
- 10. Jurisdiction.
- 11. Knights created in-status of.
- 12. When it transfers its allegiance.

- 13. Commandery-how created.
- 14. Asylum required before constitution.
- 15. Report to be made.
- 16. Officers installed.
- 17. Officers, when not members of Grand Commandery.
- 18. Grand Commandery jurisdiction over all subordinates.
- 19. State jurisdiction recognized.
- 20. Failure to meet.
- 21. Dissolution of Grand Commandery.
- 22. When Commanderies may appear in public.
- 23. Who commands in public.
- 24. Subordinate Commanderies close.

REQUISITES FOR FORMING.—A dispensation or charter to form a new Commandery cannot be granted except upon a petition of at least nine Knights Templar in good standing.

Petitioners for a new Commandery need not dimit from other Commanderies.

See title, "Membership, Petitioners, etc."

The petition for a dispensation must have endorsed upon it the recommendation of the Commandery nearest the location designated for the new one.

If the new Commandery is to be stationed in a city where there is more than one Commandery, two of those located in such city must recommend the petition.

See title, "Meetings-Where held."

TRAVELING COMMANDERIES.—No dispensation or charter can be granted to organize a traveling or itinerant Commandery.

UNDER DISPENSATION.—A Commandery under dispensation cannot be constituted.

EXTINCT COMMANDERIES CANNOT BE REVIVED.—When a Commandery U. D. ceases to exist, it cannot be revived.

OFFICERS OF, NOT TO BE ELECTED OR INSTALLED.—Its officers cannot be elected or installed.

CANNOT BE REPRESENTED.—It cannot be represented in a grand body.

JURISDICTION OF.—Except as above specified, it has the same rights and powers as a chartered Commandery.

STATUS OF KNIGHTS CREATED IN.—Knights created in a Commandery U. D. are members thereof, and sustain the exact relation to that Commandery and to other Templars which is sustained by those Knighted in chartered Commanderies.

How Affected by the Formation of Grand Commanderies.— When a Grand Commandery is formed in a jurisdiction in which there is a Commandery U. D., the latter comes at once under the authority of the former, and should report to it, and obtain from it or its Grand Commander a continuance of its dispensation.

How Created.—A Commandery is created by the grant of a charter, which is the proper evidence of the fact, and becomes effective only when the Commandery shall have been constituted under it.

See title, "Charter-Necessity of Warrant of Grand Master."

No Commandery shall be constituted until it is provided with a suitable asylum, properly furnished.

When constituted, report thereof should be made to the Grand Master or Grand Commander, (as the case may be,) and the Grand Recorder.

OFFICERS OF—WHEN TO BE INSTALLED.—The officers can only be installed after the Commandery shall have been duly constituted in the presence of at least nine of its members.

The officers of a Commandery which has not been constituted, are not members of the Grand Commandery, and cannot vote therein, although the charter of their Commandery has been issued.

DUTY WHEN GRAND COMMANDERY IS FORMED.—Upon the formation of a Grand Commandery, it is the duty of every subordinate within its jurisdiction to enroll itself under such Grand Commandery, have its charter endorsed thereby, and to obey its constitution and statutes.

CAN BELONG TO NO OTHER GRAND COMMANDERY.—A subordinate Commandery cannot be under the authority of, or belong to, any Grand Commandery but the one having jurisdiction over the State, Territory, or district in which it is located.

FAILURE TO MEET—EFFECT OF.—A Commandery failing to meet for twelve consecutive months, forfeits all of its rights as a Commandery, and its charter should be arrested.

DISSOLUTION OF A GRAND COMMANDERY—EFFECT OF.—If a Grand Commandery should dissolve, its subordinates do not for that cause cease to exist; but pass at once under the immediate authority of the Grand Encampment.

WHEN MAY APPEAR IN PUBLIC.—Commanderies shall not appear in public, as such, without permission of the Grand Commander, except upon funeral occasions.

When Commanderies appear in public, in their own State or out of it, they are under the immediate authority of the Grand Commander, if he choose to assume the command. If he is not present, the officer upon whom, under the constitution, his duties devolve, may act in his place. But all are under the authority of the Grand Commander in whose jurisdiction they may at the time be.

COMMANDERIES ILLEGAL.—See title "Illegal Commanderies."

JURISDICTION OF .- See title, "Jurisdiction."

How Conclaves Terminate.—Subordinate Commanderies "close"—they do not "call off" or "adjourn."—See title "Adjourn."

CHARTER MUST BE PRESENT .- See title "Warrant."

Uniform of. - See title "Uniform."

#### SECTION X .- CONFER ORDERS.

I. Who may confer Orders.

Who can.—In the absence of the Eminent Commander, the Generalissimo, and in the absence of both, the Captain General, and in the absence of all three, the Past Commander, according to seniority of service, may preside, and confer the Orders of Knighthood. [See Proceedings 1877, 3. page 172.]

COSTUME.—See title "Uniform."

DUB AND CREATE.—See title "Confer Orders," ut supra.

#### SECTION XI.—DEBATE.

I. Debate-how closed.

How CLOSED.—When the presiding officer wishes the debate to close, he rises; and that ends the discussion."

#### SECTION XII.—DECISIONS.

1. Decisions of Grand Encampment to be supplemented to the Code. By whom made.

DECISIONS OF GRAND MASTER, ETC., TO BE DIGESTED.—All decisions of the Grand Master, as approved or modified by the Grand Encampment, and all decisions of the Grand Encampment to be digested and published as a Supplement to the Code of Statutes. The digest to be made by a "Special Committee." [See Proceedings 1877, pp. 182, 186.]

#### SECTION XIII.—DIMITS.

I. Dimit-how granted.

How Granted.—A member of a Commandery may receive a dimit without a vote of the Commandery, at a stated conclave, upon request made in open Commandery: *Provided*, his dues shall have been paid, and no charges are pending against him.

EFFECT OF .- See titles "Rank-of Officers." "Burial-Right of."

#### SECTION XIV.-ELECTIONS.

- I. Election by ballot.
- 2. Blanks void.

How Held.—All elections, in all Templar bodies, must be by ballot.

BLANKS VOID.—Blanks are not votes, and cannot be considered as such in the election of officers.

#### SECTION XV.-Eminent Commander.

- I. Eminent Commander, how suspended. Effect of.
- 2. Trial of-By whom.

How Suspended.—An Eminent Commander may be suspended by his Grand Commander, or the officer acting as such, in his own State, or out of it with his Commandery; and this suspension continues until revoked by the Grand Commandery, or reversed by trial. But suspension from office does not affect his membership in his Commandery.

TRIAL OF.—An Eminent Commander cannot be tried by his own Commandery, but by the Grand Commandery, and by the Grand Encampment where there is no Grand Commandery.

#### SECTION XVI.—EXTINCT COMMANDERIES.

1. Status of members in extinct Commanderies.

HOW MAY BECOME SO.—See titles "Commanderies—Failure to meet;" "Charter—When Surrendered," etc.

How REVIVED.—See title "Charter—Surrendered and Restored."

REVIVED, NOT TO BE CONSTITUTED.—See title "Charter—Surrendered and Restored."

STATUS OF MEMBERS OF.—When a Commandery has ceased to exist, its members may join another Commandery, upon petition and certificate from the Grand Recorder of the State holding the charter and papers of the extinct Commandery, that his standing therein was good when said Commandery ceased to exist.

CHARTER, WHEN IT MAY BE SURRENDERED.—See title "Charter—When it may be," etc.

# SECTION XVII.—EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION.

- I. Effect of suspension.
- 2. By a Lodge or Chapter.
- 3. Certificate of, required. Effect of.
- 4. What certificate must show.
- 5. Its absence provided for.
- 6. Confirmed by Grand Lodge or Chapter.
- 7. Expulsion-how removed.
- 8. Suspension-how removed.
- How restored to membership.
- 10. When certificate required, and effect of.
- 11. Definite suspension-how restored.

BY COMMANDERY—EFFECT OF.—The suspension or expulsion of a Knight by his Commandery deprives him of all the rights and privileges of Knighthood, so long as the judgment remains in force.

BY LODGE OR CHAPTER.—Expulsion, or suspension from his *Masonic rights*, by his Lodge or Chapter, deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order.

In such case, a certificate of the Lodge or Chapter, of its action, must be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery, and a minute should be made of the reception of such certificate, and of its legal effect, to-wit: that the Knight is thereby divested of his knightly rank, and of all its privileges.

The certificate from the Lodge or Chapter must show not only the fact of suspension or expulsion, but also that the body had jurisdiction.

If a certificate of the facts cannot be obtained from the Secretary of the Lodge or Chapter, they may be proved by oral testimony; and the same entry should be made as required in paragraph three.

When the expulsion or suspension is made or confirmed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, as the case may be, the Commandery cannot go behind the record or adjudicate upon the question of jurisdiction.

How Removed.—A Knight who has been expelled by his Commandery may be restored by a two-thirds vote to good standing.

If suspended by his Commandery, a majority vote will restore to good standing.

In either case of suspension or expulsion by his Commandery, the Knight can be restored to membership only upon petition and unanimous ballot.

When the suspension or expulsion from the Commandery was the result

of suspension or expulsion by Lodge or Chapter, a certificate of his restoration in the body which disciplined him will restore the Knight to good standing and membership.

In case of suspension, the restoration of the Knight to his Lodge or Chapter restores him to knightly standing.

#### SECTION XVIII.-FEES.

1. Fees cannot be remitted.

CANNOT BE REMITTED.—The prescribed fees for the Orders of Knighthood cannot be remitted by a Commandery, directly or indirectly.

# SECTION XIX.-Foreign Knights.

1. Foreign Knights may receive Red Cross.

Not Red Cross.—A Knight Templar created in a foreign jurisdiction, and who has not received the Order of Red Cross, may, at his examination, take the vow and have that Order communicated to him, and thereafter be admitted to the asylum.

FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES.—See title "Representatives," etc.

## SECTION XX.—GRAND COMMANDERIES.

- 1. Grand Commandery—how formed.
- 2. Warrant necessary.
- 3. Three Commanderies and nine members required.
- 4. How organized.
- 5. Rank of subordinate Commanderies.
- 6. When Grand Commandery ceases to exist.

How FORMED.—A Grand Commandery can be formed only in a State, Territory, or district, where none exists, and only upon petition of at least three chartered Commanderies.

The Warrant of the Grand Master is necessary, although the Grand Encampment may have authorized a Warrant to be issued.

Each subordinate Commandery must be represented, and there must be at least nine members present.

When a Warrant is duly issued, a convocation of the representatives of at least three of the petitioning Commanderies is held; the Warrant of the Grand Master is read; credentials are examined and approved; a resolution is adopted agreeing to form a Grand Commandery; a code of statutes is adopted, and officers are elected and installed. All of these proceedings must be entered upon the journal; and due report thereof made to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

The Commanderies rank according to the date of their charters; and the Eminent Commander of the oldest Commandery is, by courtesy, entitled to command or preside until a Grand Commander is elected and installed.

WHEN GRAND COMMANDERY CEASES TO EXIST.—A Grand Commandery once formed continues to exist as long as it has nine members; when the number of its constitutional members becomes less than nine, it becomes extinct.

#### SECTION XXI.—HEALING.

- I. Healing—what it is.
- 2. By whom done.
- 3. May be delegated.
- 4. Who cannot be healed.

How Done.—Healing consists in re-obligating the Knight, and correcting what has been done amiss at his creation.

By Whom.—The Grand Commandery, or Grand Commander (by its authority,) in whose jurisdiction a Knight was irregularly created, has power to heal him.

This power may be delegated to a subordinate Commandery or an Eminent Commander.

WHO CANNOT BE HEALED.—One knighted in a clandestine manner, or in a spurious Commandery, cannot be healed.

HONORARY MEMBERS. - See title "Membership-Honorary."

#### SECTION XXII.—ILLEGAL COMMANDERIES.

# 1. Illegal Commanderies.

WITHOUT DISPENSATION OR CHARTER.—All Commanderies or pretended Commanderies are spurious, unless held under a dispensation or charter, as herein prescribed; and all communication with such bodies is forbidden, and also all recognition and intercourse with their members as Knights.

# SECTION XXIII.—Information.

# 1. Information in Templar law—how sought.

How OBTAINED.—Knights desiring information relative to any point in law or usage of Templar Masonry, should apply to their Eminent Commander; the Eminent Commander, if necessary, shall apply to his Grand Commander, and the Grand Commander, in turn, to the Grand Master.

#### SECTION XXIV.—Install officers.

- I. Who may install in Grand Encampment.
- 2. In Grand Commandery.
- 3. In subordinate Commandery. Ceremony to be used.
- 4. Commandery cannot install officers till constituted.
- 5. When by an officer.
- 6. When by a past officer.
- 7. Proxies not allowed.
- 8. Absent officers-how installed.
- Gertificate required.

OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT—WHO MAY.—The officers of the Grand Encampment may be installed by the Grand Master, or by a Past Grand Master. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Grand Commander (by service) who may be present.

OF GRAND COMMANDERY.—The officers of a Grand Commandery may be installed by either of the first four officers of the Grand Encampment, by a Past Grand Master, by the Grand Commander, or by a Past Grand Commander. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Eminent Commander (by service) who may be present.

OF A SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY.—The officers of a subordinate Commandery may be installed by any permanent member of the Grand Encampment, by either of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, by the Eminent Commander, or by a Past Eminent Commander.

The ceremony used in each case, shall be that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in the "Forms for Installation."

WHEN TO BE.—The officers of a new Commandery cannot be installed at the conclave of the Grand Commandery at which the charter is granted, unless the Commandery shall have first been legally constituted, and such officers shall have been duly elected.

When the installation is performed by one in office, no special authority is required.

When by a past officer, the commanding officer must be present authorizing it, or his written proxy must be produced.

The officers to be installed cannot be represented by a proxy.

OFFICERS U. D. NOT TO BE.—See title "Commanderies—Under Dispensation."

WHEN BY COMMISSION.—Officers elect of the Grand Encampment, or of a Grand Commandery, who cannot be present at the regular time for

installation, may be installed in such Commandery as the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, respectively, may designate.

The Recorder of the Commandery in which such installation shall take place, shall forthwith certify the fact to the Grand Recorder.

# SECTION XXV.-Jurisdiction.

- I. Jurisdiction of subordinate Commanderies.
- 2. Penal jurisdiction.
- 3. Violation-effect of.
- 4. Sojourners.
- 5. Jurisdiction waived.

BOUNDARIES OF.—In the absence of a Statute of the proper Grand Commandery, or of a special edict of the Grand Encampment, defining the limits of each Commandery, the jurisdiction thereof, whether chartered or under dispensation, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the next nearest Commandery: *Provided*, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State, Territory or district in which it is located.

Each Commandery has penal jurisdiction over all Knights, non-affiliated as well as affiliated, for violation of moral or Templar law within its territorial jurisdiction.

VIOLATION OF.—It is not lawful for a Commandery to confer the Orders upon any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Commandery, without first obtaining the permission of such Commandery.

OVER SOJOURNERS.—When a petition for the Orders is received from a sojourner, or from one who has not resided for six months within the jurisdiction of the Commandery, it is the duty of the Commandery receiving it to notify the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resided, and obtain its consent that jurisdiction shall be exercised over the petition and the petitioner.

It shall be competent, in such cases, for a Commandery to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Commandery to confer the Orders upon one residing within its jurisdiction.

#### SECTION XXVI.-MEETINGS.

- 1. Where meetings may be held.
- 2. When may remove.
- 3. Grand Commander may provide.

WHERE HELD.—A Commandery can hold its conclaves only in the place designated in its dispensation or charter.

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A Commandery may remove its asylum from one house to another in the same place, by vote of a majority of its members present at a stated conclave, and after due notice of the proposed change.

If the regular asylum of a Commandery, from any cause, becomes an unfit or improper place for holding the conclaves, the Grand Commander may authorize them to be held elsewhere in the same place.

FAILURE OF .- See title "Commanderies-Failure to meet."

#### SECTION XXVII. - MEMBERSHIP.

- Who are members.
- 2. Status of petitioners for new Commandery.
- 3. Failure of Dispensation.
- 4. How affiliation terminated.
- 5. Honorary membership.

WHO ARE MEMBERS OF A COMMANDERY.—Those who receive the Order of the Temple in a Commandery are, *ipso facto*, members thereof, whether such Commandery be chartered or under dispensation.

PETITIONERS FOR A NEW COMMANDERY—STATUS OF.—After a dispensation is granted to form a new Commandery, the membership of the Knights who petitioned therefor remains in abeyance as to the older Commanderies to which they belonged when signing the petition. They become active members of the Commandery while under dispensation, and when a charter is granted, and the Commandery constituted, they continue to be members of the new Commandery, and cease to be members of the old one.

If the dispensation should be withdrawn, or a charter refused, the Knights who petitioned therefor resume their membership in their former Commanderies, without petition or other ceremony.

When a charter is granted and the Commandery constituted, the Recorder of the new Commandery must certify the fact to each Commandery to which any of the petitioning Knights belonged, and this will terminate their former affiliation.

Honorary membership does not confer the right to vote nor any rank or standing therein, but it is merely complimentary.

#### SECTION XXVIII.—OFFICES.

- 1. Incompatibility of Grand Officer holding a subordinate office.
- 2. Succession in office.
- 3. Vacancy-how filled.
- 4. Ditto.
- 5. Ditto.

- Failure to be installed.
- 7. Change of residence.

INCOMPATIBLE.—When any one of the first three officers of a Commandery shall be elected and installed as Grand Master or Grand Commander, his rights and powers as such subordinate officer, for the time being, ipso facto, ceases, and the vacancy shall be filled as hereinafter provided for. [See Proceedings 1877, page 174.]

SUCCESSION OF.—When a vacancy occurs in the office of Eminent Commander, the powers and duties devolve upon the Generalissimo, and if there should be no Generalissimo, upon the Captain General.

When there is no officer in line to fill a vacancy, the commanding officer shall, by appointment, fill the vacancy, pro tempore.

If a vacancy occur in any elective office, other than that of Eminent Commander, the Grand Commander may authorize a new election of, upon request to that effect by the Commandery: *Provided*, however, in a case of vacancy in both offices of Eminent Commander and Generalissimo, the Captain General shall succeed to the duties and powers of Eminent Commander, without an election.

When the vacancy is in one of the appointive offices, it shall be filled by appointment by the commanding officer.

FAILURE TO BE INSTALLED.—If any officer duly elected or appointed shall, without reasonable excuse, neglect to attend at the time fixed for installation, his election or appointment may be declared void by a vote of the body which elected him, or by the officer who appointed him.

CHANGE OF RESIDENCE—EFFECT OF.—Whenever a Grand Commander, or an Eminent Commander, changes his residence to a place beyond the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, he thereby vacates his office, and can exercise its powers no longer.

RANK OF .- See title, "Rank of officers."

WHO MAY RESIGN. - See title, "Resign."

# SECTION XXIX-OBJECTION AFTER BALLOT.

- 1. Objection after ballot.
- 2. Effect of an objection.
- 3. Reasons not required.
- 4. Visiting Knights may object.

WHO MAY MAKE.—A member of a Commandery in good standing may object to the conferring of the Orders upon an elected candidate; and this whether the objecting Knight was present when the ballot was taken or not.

When such objection is made, either in open Commandery or to the Eminent Commander, the Orders cannot be conferred; and the fact of objection alone, and not the name of the objector, should be entered upon the minutes, and it is equivalent to the rejection of the candidate by ballot.

The objecting Knight cannot be required to disclose his reasons therefor.

- 1. To Conferring the Order of the Red Cross.—A member of a Commandery in good standing, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, may object to the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross upon an elected candidate, and cannot be required to disclose his reasons therefor. When such objection is made, either in open Commandery or to the Eminent Commander, the Order of the Red Cross cannot be conferred; and the fact of objection alone, and not the name of the objector, shall be entered on the minutes, and shall be equivalent to a rejection by ballot.
- 2. To Conferring the Order of the Temple.—No member of any Commandery, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, shall prevent or delay the conferring of the Order of the Temple upon any Knight of the Red Cross by a mere objection; but every candidate once elected to receive the Orders in any Commandery, and who shall have been duly constituted a Knight of the Red Cross, shall be entitled to the Order of the Temple, unless found unworthy after trial on charges duly presented. This section, however, shall not apply unless a notice of the conclave at which the candidate was elected to receive the Orders shall have been sent to the objector, containing the information that the candidate's name would at that time be presented for ballot.
- 3. The objector, in order to prevent or delay the conferring of the Order of the Temple on any such elected candidate who shall have been constituted a Knight of the Red Cross, shall be required to prefer written charges against him, which shall be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery. The said candidate shall be entitled to receive a copy of the charges so presented, and to be heard in his defense at an open trial; but if the objector shall voluntarily disclose his reasons for objection, a majority vote of the Commandery may decide upon the sufficiency of such objections by the Commandery at a conclave summoned for that purpose.
- 4. Where charges shall be presented, the Order of the Temple can not be conferred, unless the same be withdrawn, or the candidate acquitted in the manner hereinbefore prescribed; and when presented, the fact that charges have been made only shall be entered on the minutes, and not the name of the objector nor the nature of the charges. In case no objection shall be made, nor any charges presented, the Eminent Commander may, in his discretion, delay the conferring of either of the Orders for one conclave only.

5. By visiting Knights. Objections or charges against an elected candidate may be received from a visiting Knight, but shall not be considered by the Commandery except by a majority vote to that effect, or when, in consequence thereof, objection shall be made or charges presented by a member of the Commandery, and in the manner hereinbefore stated."

# SECTION XXX.—Petition for Orders.

- 1. Form of petition.
- 2. Belief of petitioner.
- 3. Signature required.
- 4. Only one signer.
- 5. Recommendation required.
- 6. Cannot be withdrawn. Exception.
- 7. Report not to be recorded.
- 8. Unfavorable report.
- 9. When petition received and acted on.
- 10. Ballot only after reference to committee.
- 11. Four weeks must elapse, unless, etc.
- 12. When may be renewed.
- 13. If jurisdiction is waived.

FORM OF.—Every petition for the Orders of Knighthood shall declare the Lodge and Chapter in which the petitioner received the degrees, and shall state whether he has or has not been previously rejected by any Commandery.

It shall also declare that the petitioner is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

MUST BE SIGNED.—No petition can be received unless signed by the applicant in person, giving his full name, residence and occupation.

BUT ONE APPLICANT TO SIGN A PETITION.—No petition can be received which is signed by more than one applicant.

TO BE RECOMMENDED.—Each petition must be signed by two vouchers and recommenders, who are members of the Commandery to which the petition is presented.

CANNOT BE WITHDRAWN.—When a petition has been presented to a Commandery, it cannot be withdrawn, unless it shall appear that the Commandery has not jurisdiction over the petitioner.

REPORT NOT TO BE RECORDED.—The character of the report of a committee of inquiry, whether favorable or unfavorable, should never be recorded.

UNFAVORABLE REPORT—EFFECT OF.—An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases.

WHEN TO BE RECEIVED AND ACTED ON.—Petitions can be received or acted on only at stated conclaves, *unless* by written permission of the Grand Commander.

No ballot can be had upon a petition until after it has been referred to a committee of three members of the Commandery, and that committee has reported.

A petition cannot be balloted on until at least four weeks after it has been presented to the Commandery, unless by the written permission of the Grand Commander.

See title, "Ballot-To be Secret."

WHEN A REJECTED PETITION MAY BE RENEWED.—The petition of one who has been rejected cannot be renewed until at least six months after such rejection.

WHERE.—It may then be received by the Commandery in whose jurisdiction the petitioner then resides: *Provided*, the Commandery by which he was rejected consents to waive its jurisdiction.

PRELATE IN RED CROSS. - See title, "Red Cross-High Priest."

# SECTION XXXI.-PROXY.

#### 1. Proxies.

IN GRAND BODIES.—No person can give or act as proxy, except those upon whom the power is conferred in the constitution.

OFFICERS CANNOT BE INSTALLED BY.—See title, "Install Officers—When by Proxy."

INSTALLING OFFICERS MAY GRANT—WHEN.—See title, "Install Officers—When by Commission."

# SECTION XXXII. - QUALIFICATION FOR ORDERS.

- 1. Council degrees not necessary.
- 2. Membership in Lodge, etc., not required.
- 3. Maimed.

WHAT REQUIRED. - See title, "Petition for Orders -- Form of."

COUNCIL DEGREES, ETC., NOT NECESSARY. - It is not necessary that petitioners should have received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

Loss of a Leg, etc.—Effect of.—The loss of a leg or arm by a petitioner, disqualifies him from receiving the Orders of Knighthood.

# SECTION XXXIII.—QUORUM.

1. Quorum.

What Constitutes.—A quorum in the Grand Encampment, Grand Commanderies and subordinate Commanderies, consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an officer entitled to open the body.

#### SECTION XXXIV .- RANK.

- I. Rank of Commanderies.
- 2. What confers rank.
- 3. Rank of officers.
- 4. Present outrank past officers.
- 5. Dimit-effect of. P. C. may be elected.
- 6. Past Grand Commanders do not lose membership.
- 7. Honorary membership.

OF COMMANDERIES, GRAND AND SUBORDINATE.—Commanderies,  $G_{rand}$  and subordinate, take rank according to the date of their several  ${}^{07}ganizations$ , unless any of them voluntarily waive their proper rank.

 ${}^{t_0}$  C on fer rank (or appointment) and installation are necessary

The Standard Bearer outranks the Sword Bearer, and the Sword Bearer ks the Warder, and the Treasurer outranks the Recorder.

Present officers on duty in their own bodies outrank past officers of any grade.

A Knight dimitting to the jurisdiction of another Grand Commandery, forfeits his membership and right to voice and vote in the Grand and subordinate Commandery of which he had been a member, and acquires no rank in the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction in which he has affiliated, but "a Past Commander may be elected to member, hip therein."

But Past Grand Commanders do not lose their membership in the Grand Encampment by change of membership to another jurisdiction, nor by becoming unaffiliated.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.—Honorary membership confers no rank.

#### SECTION XXXV.—Resign.

- 1. Who may resign.
- 2. Who may not.

WHO MAY RESIGN.—Any officer of a Commandery under dispensation may resign, with the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively.

Neither of the first three officers of a chartered Commandery can resign after installation.

REPEATING THE BALLOT.—See title of "Ballot—When it may be Repeated."

# SECTION XXXVI.-RED CROSS.

# 1. High Priest.

FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—See title, "Foreign Knights."

HIGH PRIEST, NOT PRELATE.—In the council of Red Cross Knights, "High Priest" is the title of the officer ministering at the altar.

REVIVAL OF OLD CHARTER.—See title, "Charter—Surrendered and Restored."

#### SECTION XXXVII.—REPRESENTATIVES.

# I. Cannot be appointed to foreign bodies.

FOREIGN, NOT TO BE APPOINTED BY GRAND COMMANDERIES.—Grand Commanderies cannot exchange representatives with Templar organizations outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

#### SECTION XXXVIII.—RITUAL.

#### 1. Ritual.

NOT TO BE ALTERED.—The ritual as promulgated by the Grand Encampment cannot be altered or abridged by the Grand Master, Grand Commander or Grand Commandery.

FOR BURIAL.—See title, "Burial—Ritual for."

FOR INSTALLATION.—See title, "Install Officers," etc. And forms adopted by the Grand Encampment.

#### SECTION XXXIX.—SEAL.

# 1. Seal-form of, adopted.

FORM OF, ADOPTED.—The seal of the Grand Encampment is that adopted September 12, 1844, (see reprint, page 95,) and altered September 15, 1856, (reprint, page 311,) and affixed to the constitution, edition 1856, and attestation, 1877.

#### SECTION XL.—SUMMONS.

- 1. Summons-when legal.
- 2. Seal-when required.
- 3. Obedience to summons.
- 4. Notice to amend code.

WHAT IS LEGAL.—A notice published in the newspapers is not a legal summons; it must be by personal service, or by notice left at the residence or place of business of the person summoned, or deposited in the post-office, directed to his usual address.

SEAL NECESSARY.—It is necessary that the seal should be affixed to a summons, but not to a notice of a conclave.

KNIGHTS SHOULD OBEY.—Every Knight should promptly and strictly obey the summons of his Commander.

CONTAIN NOTICE, ETC.—All propositions to amend code, etc., must be inserted in summons to attend Triennial Conclave.

Suspension.—See title, "Expulsion or Suspension."

# SECTION XLI.—TITLE.

I. Election and service necessary.

WHAT CONSTITUTES.—One who has filled by election and a term of service an elective office, retains the rank and title, with the word "Past" prefixed, as Past Eminent Commander, Past Grand Commander, Past Grand Master.

OF PRELATE.—See title, "Red Cross—High Priest."

# SECTION XLII.—TRIAL.

- 1. Trials in open Commandery—who presides. How conducted.
- 2. When otherwise.

How Conducted.—Trials of Sir Knights shall be in open Commandery; and the Eminent Commander shall preside, and decide all questions of law, and all questions upon the admissibility of evidence. And the trial shall be conducted as prescribed in the "Forms for Templar Trials," enacted and promulgated by the Grand Encampment.

When a trial takes place in the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall preside; when in the Grand Encampment, the Grand Master shall preside.

See titles, "Appeal-How heard;" "Eminent Commander-Trial of."

#### SECTION XLIII.—UNAFFILIATED KNIGHTS.

- I. Non-affiliates.
- 2. Amenable for violation of Templar law.

CANNOT VOTE.—Unaffiliated Knights cannot vote in person or as proxy, or hold office in any Commandery, Grand or subordinate. They are, how-

ever, amenable for violation of moral Templar law, to the Commandery within whose jurisdiction they reside.

EFFECT OF DIMIT.—See titles, "Burial—Right of;" "Rank—Of Officers;" "Dimit—Effect of."

CANNOT HAVE KNIGHTLY BURIAL.—See title, "Burial -- Right of."

# SECTION XLIV.—UNIFORM.

- I. Uniform.
- 2. Exceptions.
- 3. Members appear in conclaves in uniform.
- 4. Of Red Cross. Of Malta.
- 1. The uniform of Knights Templar, Knights of Malta, and Knights of Red Cross, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment. No other uniform is allowed, except in the case of Washington Commandery, No. 1, of the District of Columbia, whose members are permitted to wear the uniform prescribed and worn in that Commandery before the adoption of the regulation of 1862.
- 2. Each Grand Commandery shall have full power and authority to prescribe the uniform to be worn by those belonging to its own jurisdiction, except that the insignia of rank shall always be under the exclusive control and regulation of the Grand Encampment, and no other authority shall alter, modify, or in any way interfere therewith.

No officer or member can be present in the Grand Encampment, or in a Grand Commandery, unless in full Templar uniform, except by the vote of the body excusing him.

OF KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS.—The Templar baldric reversed, exhibiting the green side; Templar cap covered; sword, and white gloves; constitute the uniform of a Red Cross Knight. The Sovereign Master wears the royal robes and crown, and the High Priest his full robes, etc.

OF KNIGHTS OF MALTA.—Same as Knights Templar.

Under Dispensation." Commanderry—See title, "Commanderies—Under Dispensation."

VACANCIES - How FILLED. -- See title, "Officers - Succession."

#### SECTION XLV.—VISITING KNIGHTS.

1. Objection excludes visitors.

OBJECTIONS OF A MEMBER EXCLUDES.—No visiting Knight can be admitted to an asylum if one of the regular members present objects. The

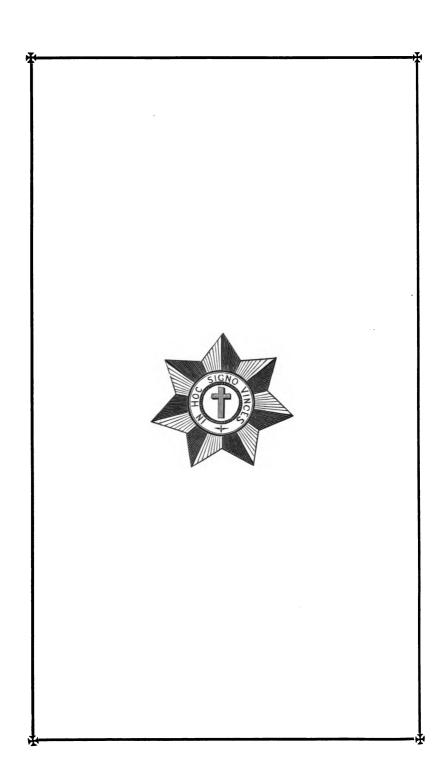
objection may be made openly or privately to the Eminent Commander, and in neither case can the objector be required to disclose his reasons for his objections.

# SECTION XLVI .-- WARRANT OR DISPENSATION.

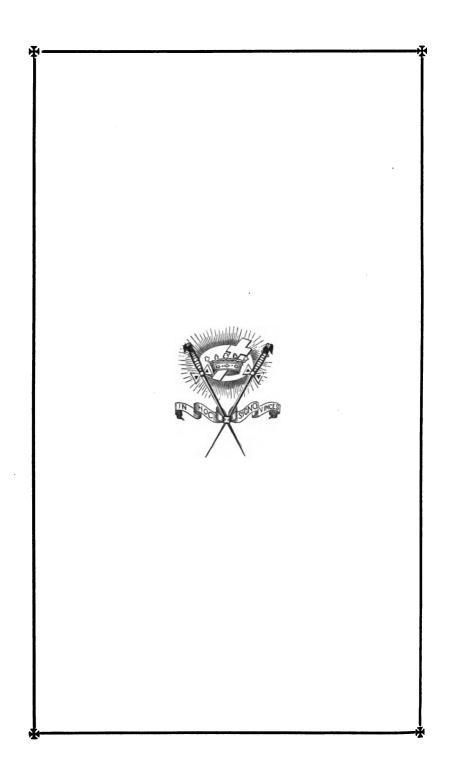
1. Dispensation, etc., must be present at conclaves.

MUST BE PRESENT.—The dispensation or charter of a Commandery must always be present at the opening and throughout the conclave.





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# SUPPLEMENT TO THE CODE OF STATUTES

-or-

DIGEST OF TEMPLAR LAW

OF THE

# GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Containing a Digest of the Decisions of the Conclaves of A. D. 1874, 1877, 1880, end 1883, made by Sir Knight Josiah H. Drummond, Maine, the Special Committee.

# ADVANCEMENT.

See Objection after Ballot, 92, 92a.

## AMENDMENTS.

ROPOSED amendments to the constitution or code, of which notice is given in the summons, may be acted upon by the Grand Encampment, in the absence of the proposer. 1877.

#### APPEAL.

1a. The appeal of a Sir Knight from the action of the Eminent Commander of his Commandery, although in pursuance of an order of the Grand Commander, lies to the Grand Commandery, and not to the Grand Master. 1883.

#### ASSESSMENTS.

 An assessment for social entertainments cannot be enforced against one not participating. 1874.

#### BALLOT.

3. After a candidate has been declared rejected, and the fact recorded, the ballot cannot be repeated, even to correct an alleged mistake. 1880.

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- 4. A ballot cannot be taken upon a petition at the same conclave at which it is presented, without a dispensation from the Grand Commander, even by unanimous vote of the Commandery. 1880.
- 4a. In Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Master may, by dispensation, authorize the reception of a new petition from a rejected candidate within less than six months after the rejection; and is the exclusive judge of the propriety of granting such dispensation. 1883.

See Petitions, 97, 99.

# BOOKS OF THE GRAND TREASURER AND THE GRAND RECORDER.

5. The books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall be submitted, at each conclave, for the inspection of the "finance committee." 1877.

#### BY-LAWS.

- 6. A by-law fixing annual dues and providing that members in arrears for two years shall be ineligible to office and not entitled to vote, and that their names may be dropped from the rolls, subject to being reinstated on payment of arrearages by a majority vote, is valid. 1874.
- 7. But a member should be disfranchised only after due trial, and the by-laws should make provision therefor. 1877.
- 8. A by-law providing that a member, upon the payment of a fixed sum of money, may become a life member and thereafter be exempt from annual dues, is valid. 1880.
- 9. A by-law requiring a Red Cross Knight to equip himself a uniform before he can receive the Order of the Temple, is valid. 1880.

# CHARTER.

10. The Eminent Commander, and no other, is the legal custodian of the charter of his Commandery.

#### CHRISTIAN KNIGHTHOOD.

10a. The ritual contains those things which a Knight obligates himself to believe and perform. The Grand Master has no authority to give additional definitions. 1883.

# COMMANDERY.

11. The funds and property of an extinct Commandery become the property of the Grand Commandery, which may make such disposition thereof as it deems proper. 1877.

- 12. It is improper for a Commandery to "call off" from one conclave to another; but it may close to meet on another day to finish business that is pending. 1874.
- 13. A Commandery "of the indispensable number" may be authorized by a Grand Commander or Grand Commandery, as well as by the Grand Master or Grand Encampment. 1874.
- 14. A Commandery requires no dispensation or permission to change to a "mounted Commandery." 1880.
- 15. Affiliated Sir Knights, petitioning for a new Commandery, are not required to file their dimits with the Grand Recorder; but non-affiliated petitioners must do so. 1880.
- 15a. A Commandery cannot confer the Orders upon a candidate elected by another Commandery, at the request of such other Commandery, without a dispensation. 1883.

See Grand Commandery, 69.

#### COMMANDERIES U. D.

- 16. The provision requiring the recommendation of the nearest Commandery in order to form a new one, does not apply to dispensations granted by the Grand Master, who has absolute power in the premises. 1874.
- A Commandery U. D. requires no formal proceedings in order to commence work. The members assemble and proceed as if regularly constituted. 1877.
- 18. Their officers ordinarily hold office during the continuance of the dispensation; but the Grand Master (or Grand Commander) has the power to relieve an officer and appoint another. 1874.
- 19. Such dues may be collected from the members as the majority of the Commandery may determine. 1874.
- 20. Any signer of the petition for a dispensation, by consent of the officer granting the same, and of the Commandery, may dissolve his connection with it; and, thereupon, his membership revives in his old Commandery. 1874.
- 21. The petitioners for a dispensation become charter members, unless they have severed their connection with the Commandery U. D., (or their names are omitted from the charter, by action of the Grand Commandery.) "Provided, however, that no such petitioner shall be a charter member, unless he shall have paid all of his dues to the Commandery to which he last belonged." 1877–1886.

- 22. It is not proper to name the officers in the charter of a new Commandery. 1874.
- 23. It can be constituted only by the Grand Master, or the Grand Commander, or his duly appointed proxy. 1874.
- 24. It cannot elect officers until it has been constitued; to save time, however, at the constitution of the Commandery, it is not improper to agree upon the officers in advance, and have a merely *formal* election at that time. 1874.

See Dispensation 37a; Quorum, 108a; Dues, 40a.

# COMMITTEE (STANDING) APPOINTED IN ADVANCE.

- 25. The Grand Master is authorized to appoint the committee on Templar jurisprudence at each conclave, to act during the recess and at the succeeding conclave. 1877.
- 26. And the remaining of the standing committees sixty days previously to each conclave, notifying the Grand Recorder of said appointments. 1877.
- 27. The decisions of the Grand Master shall be referred to the committee on jurisprudence. 1877.
- 28. The Grand Recorder shall place the financial and all other reports and official papers in the hands of the chairman of the proper committee (under the direction of the Grand Master) thirty days previous to the conclave. 1877.

#### COMPLAINTS.

- 29. The several committees so appointed shall have their reports ready for submission to the Grand Encampment the first day of its conclave. 1877.
- 30. Complaints should be made in the first instance to the Eminent Commander, and through him to the Grand Commander, and through him to the Grand Master, if the latter has any jurisdiction in the case. Other communications should go through the same channels, save in special cases, when the officer refuses to act. 1874.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

- 31. It is proper for the Grand Master to correspond through one of his staft with a Grand Commander. 1877.
- 32. Correspondence between subordinates of different Grand Commanderies should be forwarded through their respective Grand Commanders. 1877.
  - 32a. Correspondence between a Commandery under the immediate

jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and a subordinate to a Grand Commandery, should be through the Grand Master and the Grand Commander. 1883.

#### DECISIONS.

- 33. The decisions of a Grand Commander are binding on his subordinates as soon as known; and an officer who has positive knowledge of such decision, is as much bound by it as if it had been delivered directly to him. 1877.
- 33a. The decision of a Grand Commander, which his Grand Commandery refuses to approve, is of no binding force after such refusal. 1883.
- 33b. A member of a Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, in applying to the Grand Master for a decision, must do so through his Eminent Commander. 1883.
- 33c. Questions by members of a Commandery subordinate to a Grand Commandery, or by a Deputy Grand Commander, or a Past Grand Commander, should be submitted to the Grand Commander. 1883.

# See Committees, 27.

#### DIMIT.

- 34. When, upon application by a member, the Commandery votes to grant him a dimit, the vote severs the membership, whether a certificate issues or not. 1880.
- 35. Application for a dimit must now be made in writing, signed by the member desiring it. 1880.

# See Commandery 15; Restoration, 118.

#### DISPENSATION.

- 36. The Grand Commander has the power to grant a dispensation to act upon a petition in less than four weeks after its presentation, although the by-laws of the Commandery make no such exception. 1880.
- 37. Such dispensation can be asked for only by vote of the Commandery; but a majority vote is sufficient. 1880.
- 37a. When a dispensation for a new Commandery has been refused for any cause, the matter can be revived only by a new petition. 1883.

# DUES.

38. A Commandery cannot exempt a member from all yearly dues by a vote to that effect, or by electing him an honorary member. 1877-1880.



- 39. A member of an extinct Commandery is not liable for dues after the Commandery becomes extinct. 1880.
- 40. But the Grand Commandery has the right to collect from members of an extinct Commandery all dues chargeable against them up to the time it became extinct, and to discipline those who refuse or neglect to pay the same. 1880.
- 40a. When a member of a chartered Commandery becomes a member of a Commandery U. D., and continues paying dues to the former, it is not liable to pay to the latter the amount so received, nor is the Sir Knight freed from his liability to pay dues to the Commandery U. D. 1883.

See Membership, 78; By-Laws, 68.

#### EMINENT COMMANDER.

- 41. When an Eminent Commander vacates his office, by having been elected and installed Grand Commander, or in any other manner, the Generalissimo (or in his absence the Captain-General) succeeds to the office by constitutional right until the next annual election, and the Grand Commandery cannot legally order or authorize the election of a new Commander to fill the vacancy. 1880.
- 42. An Eminent Commander becomes a Past Commander at the expiration of his term of office, although he may have permanently removed from the State before that time. 1880.

#### EXPULSION AND SUSPENSION.

- 43. It requires a two-thirds vote to expel, but only a majority vote to suspend. 1880.
- 44. When a Templar is expelled or suspended by his Lodge or Chapter, the code requires that a proper certificate thereof be obtained, if practicable; but if not, that other evidence be produced to the Commandery, showing the expulsion or suspension, before the Commandery can declare him expelled or suspended. 1880.
- 45. When the expulsion or suspension is the act of a subordinate Lodge or Chapter, its jurisdiction should be inquired into by the Commandery before final action. 1880.
- 46. But if the expulsion or suspension is decreed or confirmed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, the question of jurisdiction is no longer, open. 1880.
- 47. Expulsion or suspension has the same effect, whatever may have been the cause for which it was inflicted. 1880-1883.

- 48. In paragraph eleven of section XVII, of the code of 1877, the word "definite" before "suspension" was accidentally omitted; the term means "suspension for a definite time." 1880.
- 49. Suspension for non-payment of dues, by the Lodge or Chapter, has the effect given to it by the laws of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction; it depends upon those laws whether all *Masonic rights* are taken away, or certain disabilities are incurred. Templar rights are taken away in the former case, but not necessarily in the latter. 1874–1883.
- 50. But striking from the roll, without trial, is not suspension. 1874-1883.
- 51. Striking from the roll of membership by the Lodge or Chapter affects the standing of the Sir Knight in the Commandery precisely the same as it does in the Lodge or Chapter. 1880-1883.
- 52. Suspension for non-payment of dues can be inflicted by the Commandery only after due notice to the delinquent to appear at the time it is proposed to act upon his case, and an opportunity to be heard in his defense; and any by-law providing for suspension without such notice and opportunity, is illegal and void. 1877–1880.
- 53. Suspension by Lodge or Chapter does not deprive his Commandery of jurisdiction to try him for other offenses committed either before or after his suspension. 1877.
- 53a. Expulsion or suspension from the rights of Freemasonry by his Lodge or Chapter, deprives a Sir Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order. 1883.
- 53b. When members of a Commandery are summoned to show cause why they should not be suspended, and do not appear, the Eminent Commander cannot declare them suspended until the Commandery has so voted. 1883.

See Striking from the Roll.

# FEES.

- 54. The fees for the Orders cannot be remitted directly, or indirectly by vote of money to the candidate.
- 55. No custom, however long it has existed, justifies the conferring of the Orders upon any one without the payment of the prescribed fees.

#### FUNERAL.

56. A Commandery cannot appear in public at the funeral of any other than a Templar, without the permission of the Grand Commander. 1877–1880.

57. It is not proper for a Commandery, as escort, to attend the funeral of any one who is not buried with Masonic ceremonies. 1877.

#### GOOD STANDING.

- 58. A member of a Commandery is affected by his standing in his Lodge or Chapter. 1880.
- 59. A candidate not in good standing in Lodge or Chapter is not eligible to receive the Orders of Knighthood. 1880.
- 60. The forfeiture or surrender of the charter does not, of itself, affect the good standing of the members. 1880.
- See Expulsion and Suspension, 49, 51; Membership, 86; Non-affiliates, 89; Reinstatement, 112; Restoration, 114, 116, 118; Striking from the Roll.

#### GRAND COMMANDERY.

- 61. To form a Grand Commandery, at least three Commanderies must be represented in the convention; but Past Commanders may participate in the convention, and be counted in making the required number of Knights. 1877.
- 62. The membership of a Grand Commandery cannot be enlarged, or restricted from that prescribed by the constitution of the Grand Encampment. 1874.
- 63. Any member of a subordinate Commandery is eligible to office in the Grand Commandery. 1874.
- 64. A member can have but one vote in his own right in a Commandery, nor can he vote personally in one capacity, and by proxy in another. 1874.
- 64a. This rule applies to an officer or permanent member of the Grand Commandery, who is at the same time one of the first three officers of his Commandery. 1883.
- 65. Hence, an officer of a subordinrte Commandery, although the others are absent, cannot (in the Grand Commandery) cast more than one vote, unless he holds the duly authenticated proxies of the absent officers. 1877.
- 66. No person, other than those named in the constitution of the Grand Encampment as members of a Grand Commandery, can vote therein in his own right, by virtue of any authority whatever, nor as proxy of any other than a member of his own Commandery, who, under the provisions of that constitution, is a member of the Grand Commandery, and authorized to appoint a proxy. 1874.

- 67. No one can be appointed upon a committee in the Grand Commandery unless he is a member thereof in his own right, or as proxy; but a member may be appointed, though not present. 1880.
- 68. A non-resident of the State is not eligible to office in the Grand Commandery. 1880.
- 69. Any officer of the Grand Commandery, except the Grand Commander, may be tried by his Commandery for unknightly conduct. 1880.

See Rank, 110, 111.

#### GRAND MASTER.

- 69a. The Grand Master as the executive head of the Grand Encampment is, by the general principles of Masonic and Templar law, responsible for the discharge of every executive duty to be performed in behalf of the Grand Encampment not by enactment devolved upon others. 1883.
- 696. It is not his duty to pass upon merely moot questions; but only those which actually arise in the administration of the affairs of the Grand Encampment, Grand Commanderies or subordinate Commanderies. 1883.

#### GRAND OFFICERS.

- 69c. The Grand Master or his representative, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain-General of the Grand Encampment, when visiting a body of the Order, are entitled to be received under the Arch of Steel.
- 69d. The Grand Encampment has not prescribed the manner of receiving the officers of a Grand Commandery, and any regulation made by a Grand Commandery in relation thereto is binding on the members of its obedience. 1883.

# INSTALLATION.

- 70. It is not necessary for a re-elected officer to be installed, as he holds over, by virtue of his former election and installation, until his successor is installed. 1877.
- 71. A Commandery may hold a public installation in its own asylum, without a special dispensation from the Grand Commander. 1880.
- 72. But such dispensation is required in order to hold a public installation in any other place. 1880.

# JEWEL OF PAST GRAND MASTER.

73. The form of the jewel prepared for Past Grand Master Fellows, (see proceedings, with engraving,) is adopted as the appropriate jewel of a

Past M. E. Grand Master of Knights Templar of this Grand Encampment. 1877.

# JURISDICTION.

- I. Territorial.—74. The jurisdiction of a Commandery (except when otherwise specially provided) extends half way to the nearest Commandery in the same jurisdiction; and a Commandery U. D., while its dispensation is in force, has the same jurisdiction as a chartered Commandery. 1874.
- 75. A Companion residing in any Territory in which there is no Commandery, may apply to any Commandery for the Orders; but when there is a Commandery in such territory he can apply elsewhere only by its permission, the Grand Master having no power in the premises. 1874.
- II. Personal—76. A rejected candidate cannot apply to another Commandery, without the consent, by a unanimous vote, of the one by which he was rejected. 1877.
- 77. The same rule applies to an elected candidate who fails to present himself to receive the Orders. 1877.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

- 78. A Templar cannot be a member of two Commanderies at the same time, although they are not in the same State. 1880.
- 79. An unaffiliated Knight is not entitled to Templar honors; but the Commandery may grant them, or it may withhold them, without breach of knightly duty. 1874.
- 80. The "honorary membership" named in the code refers to the election, as an honorary member, by one Commandery, of the member of another. 1877.
- 81. Such honorary member is not liable to dues, and the election confers no rights, being a mere compliment. 1880.
- 82. The election of a member of the same Commandery as an honorary member, deprives him of none of the rights of active membership. 1877.
  - 83. Nor does it relieve him from the payment of dues. 1880.
- 84. A plan of life membership approved. See proceedings of 1874, page 50. 1874.
- 85. A by-law providing that a member, upon the payment of a fixed sum of money, may become a life member, and thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues, is valid. 1880.
- 86. When a Templar, after suspension and restoration to good standing, applies for membership, he must do so by petition, setting forth that he had been a member of a Commandery, been suspended, and restored to

good standing. Such petition (if in the same Commandery) need not lie over, but may be acted upon at once.

86a. Affiliation is a thing wholly between the applicant and the Commandery. 1883.

See By-Laws, 8; Restoration, 115, 117.

#### MEMBERSHIP IN GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

- 866. The election (and installation) of a Sir Knight as a Grand Commander make him a member of the Grand Encampment. 1883.
- 86c. Documents distributed by the Grand Encampment to its members, do not belong to the proxies attending the Grand Encampment, but to the members themselves. 1883.

#### MINUTES.

87. At the close of every conclave, the minutes should be read, corrected, and approved; they should be entered on the record before the next stated conclave, when the journal should be read, corrected and approved by the Commandery, and signed by the Recorder. 1874.

# MONEYS, HOW PAID OUT.

88. No money belonging to the Grand Encampment shall be paid out except upon a warrant or order signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Recorder. 1877.

# NON-AFFILIATES.

89. By merely becoming non-affiliate in Lodge or Chapter, a Templar does not lose his standing in the Commandery. 1880.

# OBJECTION AFTER BALLOT.

Sections 90 and 92 to read:

90. An objection to the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross upon an elected candidate, may be withdrawn before it has been entered on the minutes; and charges against a Knight of the Red Cross may be withdrawn before the commencement of the hearing thereon by the commission appointed for that purpose, by consent of the Commandery. 1886.

# OFFICERS.

- 93. By election and installation as Grand Commander, any one of the first three officers in a Commandery vacates his office. (See code, "Offices.

  —Incompatible."
- 94. Section XXVIII of the code applies to such a vacancy, in the same manner as it applies to other vacancies. 1877.

See Eminent Commander, 41; Grand Commander, 69.

#### PAST COMMANDER.

- 95. A Past Commander, when presiding in the absence of the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain-General, may confer the Orders. 1877.
- 95a. The Past Commander who may preside in the absence of the first three officers of a Commandery, is the Senior Past Commander present who is a member, without reference to the Commandery in which he acquired the title. 1883.

See Eminent Commander, 42.

#### PETITIONS.

- 96. Petitions must contain what is prescribed by the code of statutes. No Commandery has the right to add new requirements. 1877–1883.
- 97. They cannot be acted upon in less than four weeks from their presentation, without the special dispensation of the Grand Commander, even if the Commandery holds stated conclaves weekly. 1877.
- 98. The report thereon must be in writing, (but not entered upon the minutes,) and the proper entry is, "the committee, etc., presented their report, whereupon a ballot was had." 1877.
- 99. When the Eminent Commander has good reason to believe that there has been an error in announcing the acceptance of a candidate, he may, by permission of the Grand Commander, order a new ballot, first giving notice, to all the members, of the time when it will be taken. 1877.

See Ballot, 3, 4.

# PRINTING, COMMITTEE ON.

- 99a. The legislation of the Grand Encampment shows its intention that the printing should be under the supervision of its committee on printing. 1883.
- 996. But the reprinting of the proceedings 1859–1868 was made an exception to the rule, and intrusted to the Grand Recorder. 1883.

# PRINTING REPORTS IN ADVANCE.

100. The Grand Recorder shall cause to be printed in advance of each conclave, a sufficient number of copies of the reports of the grand officers for the use of the committees and members, that each member present at the conclave shall have a copy. 1871–1877.

# PUBLIC PARADES.

- 101. The Grand Encampment will accept no invitation to unite in a Templar parade during its conclave. 1874-1877.
- 102. It prohibits any of its members from participating therein during such conclave except to escort the Grand Encampment at the opening session of the conclave. 1874-1877.
- 103. The Grand Encampment requests the Grand Commandery within whose jurisdiction it may hold its conclave, to prevent any Templar parade in the city where the conclave is held, on any day thereof after the first. 1874-1877.
- 103a. A Commandery should appear in public in Templar costume only on Masonic occasions; and a dispensation for that purpose should be restricted to such an occasion. 1883.
- 1036. The determination of what is a Masonic occasion belongs to the Grand Lodge. 1883.

See Funeral, 56, 57; Installation, 71, 72.

# **OUALIFICATIONS FOR ORDERS.**

- 104. If the candidate can give all the signs, and go through all the ceremonies, he is eligible, and not otherwise; and the Eminent Commander, and the members of the Commandery, are the judges of his eligibility under this rule. 1874.
- 105. But the Commandery should be more exacting than the Lodge or Chapter, and the petitioner should be capable of enduring pilgrimage and warfare, and should not by his presence mar the symmetry of a parade. 1877.
- 105a. The decision of the question whether a candidate can comply with the requirements of the ritual and drill, is left to the Commandery. 1883.
- 106. No Commandery or Grand Commandery has the right to add to or take from the qualifications of candidates prescribed in the constitution and code of the Grand Encampment. 1877-1880-1883.
- 107. Hence, the Council degrees are not prerequisite, and membership in Lodge or Chapter is not required. (See code, XXXII.) 1877.
- 107a. Hence, also, a candidate cannot be required to become a member of a Lodge or Chapter after receiving the Orders. 1883.

See Good Standing, 59.

# QUORUM.

108. A quorum being present, the vote of less number is valid. 1874.

108a. The law requiring nine members of the Commandery to be present in order to transact any business, applies to Commanderies U. D.

#### RANK.

- 109. A Past Grand Commander remains a member of the Grand Encampment as long as he is in good standing, whatever be his residence. 1880.
- 110. He remains a member of his own Grand Commandery as long as he is a member of one of its subordinates, whether he continues to reside in its jurisdiction or not.

  1880.
- 111. But if he affiliates in another jurisdiction, he loses his membership in his own Grand Commandery, and does not acquire membership in that of his new affiliation until elected, as provided in section XXVI of the constitution of the Grand Encampment. 1880.

#### REINSTATED.

112. When a member of a Commandery loses his good standing by being "stricken from the roll" by his Lodge or Chapter, his reinstatement in the Lodge or Chapter reinstates him in the Commandery. 1880.

# RESTORATION.

- 113. The provisions of the code, in relation to restoration, apply to cases of suspension for a *definite* time, as well as to suspension for an indefinite time. 1877.
- 114. The Grand Encampment has adopted the generally received law that the restoration, by his Lodge or Chapter, of a Templar expelled or suspended by such Lodge or Chapter, restores him to all the rights of which he was deprived by the Lodge or Chapter, viz., to good standing as a Templar, and to membership in his Commandery. 1880.
- 115. Under the law of the Grand Encampment, suspension, as well as expulsion, by the Commandery, severs membership therein. 1880.
- 116. A Sir Knight may be restored to good standing as an unaffiliated Knight by a majority vote when he has been suspended, and by a two-thirds vote when he has been expelled. 1880.
- 117. But in either case he can be restored to membership only by a unanimous vote. 1880.

118. When a suspended Sir Knight is restored to good standing, his Commandery should give him a certificate, stating that he had been a member, had been suspended (not stating the cause,) and had been (at a given date) restored to good standing; and such certificate would be equivalent to a dimit.

#### SEAL.

II9. The officers of a Commandery have the right to order its seal affixed to any certificate or other documents which they can legally issue in the name of the Commandery. 1874.

# STRIKING FROM THE ROLL.

- 119a. Striking from the roll is ordinarily not expulsion or suspension, but results in non-affiliation merely.
- 1196. If, however, striking from the roll of a Lodge or Chapter is held by its Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter to deprive the member of his Masonic rights, it has the same effect as expulsion or suspension. 1883.
- or Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction, merely deprives the party of membership in Lodge or Chapter, it has no effect upon the general standing of the Sir Knight, or his membership in his Commandery. 1883.

#### SUMMONS.

120. A summons in a subordinate Commandery should be used only in cases of urgent necessity. 1874.

#### TEMPLAR NOMENCLATURE.

121. The style "Sir Knight A B" is correct. 1880.

#### TITLE.

122. No past officers, except the presiding officer of a Grand or subordinate Commandery, retain their official title.

# TRIALS.

- 123. Trials must take place in open Commandery, as provided in the code. A committee may be appointed to take the depositions of such witnesses only as cannot be examined in open Commandery, to be returned to the Commandery. 1878.
- 124. But it is not proper to refer the charge to a committee for consideration; nor for a committee, appointed to take testimony, to digest it or report any conclusions thereon. 1877.

## UNIFORM.

- 126. All past grand officers are entitled to wear the Templar Cross. 1874.
- 127. The wearing of shoulder-straps is limited to the officers and past officers enumerated in the statute. 1877.
- 128. The Grand Encampment cannot act upon any proposed change in the uniform, unless notice thereof is given in the summons, as provided in the constitution. 1877.
- 1286. In the absence of any legislation by the Grand Encampment or the governing Grand Commandery, each Commandery may determine by its by-laws whether or not Sir Knights may be admitted to the sessions without full Templar uniform. 1883.
- 128c. Each Grand Commandery shall have full power and authority to prescribe the uniform to be worn by those belonging to its own jurisdiction, except that the insignia of rank shall always be under the exclusive control and regulation of the Grand Encampment, and no other authority shall alter, modify, or in any way interfere therewith. 1886.

See By-Laws, 9.

## VISITORS.

- 129. The objection of one member excludes a visitor, unless he visits in an official capacity. 1874.
- 130. A visitor must be examined in all the preceding degrees, as well as in the Order, unless vouched for in whole or in part. 1874.

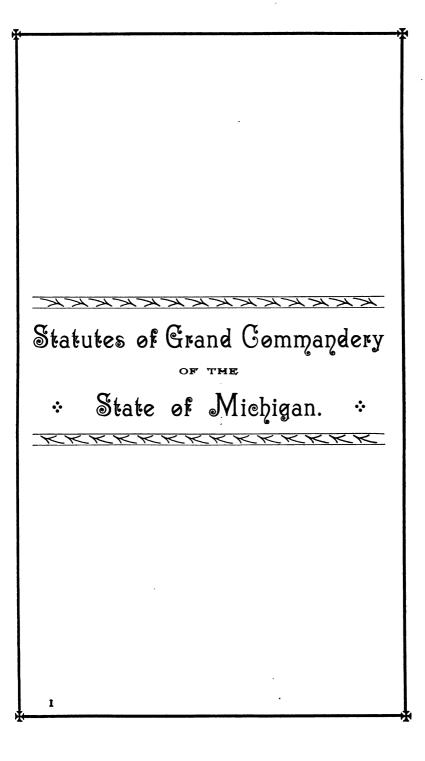
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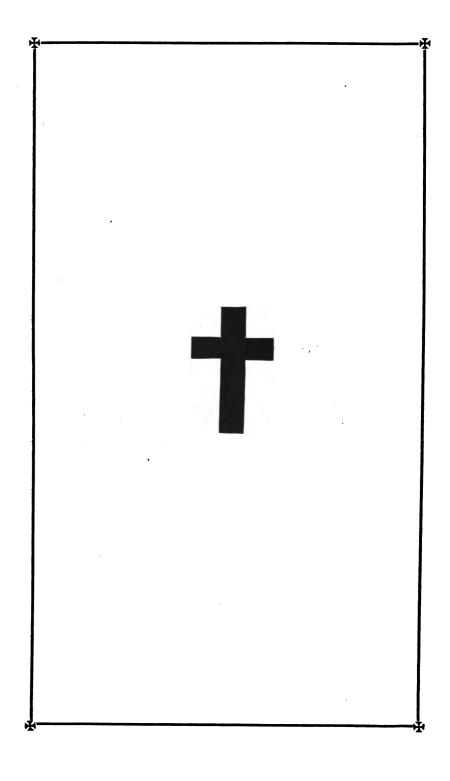
131. By the constitution of the Grand Encampment, all questions (except upon the acceptance, etc., of candidates, and in expulsions and restorations of Knights) are decided by a majority vote. 1874–1880.

See Expulsion and Suspension, 43.

## WORK-FORM OF MINUTE.

132. To change from the Commandery to the Council, the proper entry is, "The Commandery of Knights Templar was then closed, and a Council of Knights of Red Cross was opened;" and to change the other way, the entry is, "The Council of Knights of Red Cross was closed, and a Commandery of Knights Templar opened." 1877.





## STATUTES

OF THE

# GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

## AND APPENDANT ORDERS,

## OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

## ARTICLE I.

#### NAME.

ECTION 1. The name and style of this Grand Body shall be "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders of the State of Michigan."

OF GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

SEC. 2. The Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders for the United States of America is approved and adopted by this Grand Commandery; and this Grand Commandery and this Grand Body, with its officers and members, and the several Commanderies under its jurisdiction, with their officers and members, shall strictly conform thereto.

## MEMBERS.

SEC. 3. This Grand Commandery shall consist of the following:

- 1. The R. E. Grand Commander.
- 2. The V. E. Deputy Grand Commander.
- 3. The E. Grand Generalissimo.
- 4. The E. Grand Captain General.
- 5. The E. Grand Prelate.
- 6. The E. Grand Senior Warden.
- 7. The E. Grand Junior Warden.
- 8. The E. Grand Treasurer.
- 9. The E. Grand Recorder.
- 10. The E. Grand Standard Bearer.

- The E. Grand Sword Bearer.
- 12. The E. Grand Warder.
- 13. The E. Grand Captain of the Guards.

#### And-

- 14. All Past Grand Commanders.
- 15. All Past Grand Deputy Commanders.
- 16. All Past Grand Generalissimos.
- 17. All Past Grand Captain Generals of this State who are members of a subordinate Commandery under this jurisdiction.

## Also-

- 18. The Commander.
- 19. The Generalissimo.
- 20. The Captain General, for the time being, of the several Commanderies under this jurisdiction.
- 21. All Past E. Commanders of subordinate Commanderies under this jurisdiction while they remain in membership.

The above enumerated shall be the only members and voters of this Commandery.

## ANNUAL CONCLAVE AND ELECTION.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting of this Grand Commandery shall be held at such place as a majority vote shall determine, on the third Tuesday in May of each year, at such hour as this Grand Body shall designate, at which meeting the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected by ballot, and no person shall be eligible to office in this Grand Body unless he shall be at the time a member of some subordinate Commandery, within this jurisdiction. (See page 23, proceedings 1887.)

#### SHOULD THERE BE NO ELECTION.

SEC. 5. In case any casualty shall prevent the annual election of officers, the several grand officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly chosen and qualified.

## ARTICLE II.

## SPECIAL CONCLAVE.

SECTION I. The Grand Commander may call special meetings of the Grand Commandery, at any time and place, at his discretion; but no business shall be transacted at the called meetings save that which was specified in the original summons.

#### PROXIES.

SEC. 2. Any office specified in Section 3, Article I, save and except Past Commanders, may appear and vote by proxy, said proxy being at the time

of service a member of the same subordinate Commandery as his principal, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

## DECISION OF QUESTIONS.

SEC. 3. At every meeting all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer for the time-being being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from the decision of the Commander.

## ARTICLE III.

## POWERS OF GRAND COMMANDERY AND ITS OFFICERS.

SECTION I. This Grand Commandery shall have superintendence and general government of the several Commanderies of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders in this State; and the Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander are hereby authorized and empowered to visit and preside in any and every assembly of Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templars and Knights of Malta, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the institution may require, always adhering to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order.

#### CREATIVE POWER.

SEC. 2. This Grand Commandery shall have sole power to constitute new Commanderies within its jurisdiction, and to grant Charters, and dispensations, under the sign manual of the Grand Commander or Deputy Grand Commander, countersigned by the Grand Recorder, whose duty it shall be to affix the seal of the Grand Commandery to each charter or dispensation.

## POWER VESTED IN GRAND COMMANDER DURING RECESS.

SEC. 3. The Grand Commander shall have power and authority during recess of the Grand Commandery, to grant letters of dispensation, under his hand and private seal, to a competent number of petitioners, residing within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery, empowering them to form and open a Council and Commandery for a specified period of time, not exceeding beyond the next annual meeting of the Grand Commandery; and, in all such dispensations, the officer granting the same shall make report thereof at the annual meeting of the Grand Commandery, who may continue or recall the same, or grant the petitioners a charter.

## AS TO PETITION FOR A NEW COMMANDERY.

SEC. 4. No dispensation shall be granted for constituting a new Commandery, except on the petition of nine Sir Knights of the Order, and a recommendation from the Commandery nearest the place where the new Commandery is to be located.

#### PRECEDENCE.

- SEC. 5. The several Commanderies in this State shall be numbered according to the dates of their respective charters.
- SEC. 6. The Grand Treasurer, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Commandery, shall, after paying all expenses and drafts on him, invest, from time to time, all such moneys as may come to his hand belonging to the Grand Commandery, over and above the sum of one hundred dollars, in such a way as he may judge most to the interest of the Grand Commandery. He shall render to the Grand Commandery, at its annual conclave, a true and perfect account of his doings in this respect, together with an account of all moneys received and disbursed by him during vacation. He shall carefully preserve and render, from time to time as ordered, an inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Commandery, intrusted to his keeping.
- SEC. 7. The Grand Recorder shall collect and receive all the revenues of the Grand Commandery, and pay over the amount to the Grand Treasurer. He shall make an annual communication to the Grand Recorder of each of the other Grand Commanderies; likewise to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States; said communication to embrace the roll of the grand officers and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order. He shall also regularly transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, copies of all the by-laws and regulations adopted by the Grand Commandery, and shall annually make report of his doings to the Grand Commandery; and shall receive such salary as this grand body may order.
- SEC. 8. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder shall each execute, within ten days after their election and installation, a bond with satisfactory securities, in the penalty of at least five hundred dollars, to the first five grand officers of this Grand Commandery, by name, conditioned that they will faithfull; discharge the duties of their office, and pay over to the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan, all moneys belonging to it that shall come into their hands, upon the official demand of its proper officers.
- SEC. 9. The duties of the remaining officers, as well as those above specified, shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or allotted them by the Grand Commandery, and corresponding as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States. In the event of the absence of all the four principal officers of the Grand Commandery, the past grand officers, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.
- SEC. 10. The revenues of this Grand Commandery shall be derived from the following sources, to-wit:

For every Dispensation or Warrant to form and open a new Commandery, and		
before such Dispensation or Warrant can issue, and no further or other fees shall		
be required therefore	\$100	00
For every Knight Templar constituted and created in a Commandery under this		
jurisdiction	2	00
Every Commandery shall pay for each of its members annually		75

- SEC. 11. This Grand Commandery acknowledges no degree of Masonry or Order of Knighthood to be regular, except those conferred by and under the authority of the following constituted authorities in the United States of America, and those of corresponding rank in foreign countries, to-wit: The Grand Encampment of the United States, the Grand Councils of the several States, the several Grand Royal Arch Chapters of the United States, the Grand Lodges of the several States, and the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted (sometimes called the Scottish Rite) for the Northern and Southern Masonic jurisdiction of the United States.
- SEC. 12. The representatives of subordinate Commanderies and the officers and Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery, shall be entitled to receive at each annual conclave, five cents per mile, going and returning, and three dollars per day for their attendance at each conclave: *Provided*, That but one member from each Commandery can receive pay, nor more than the amount paid by the Commandery he represents.
- SEC. 13. No Commandery shall confer the orders of Knighthood upon any one who is not a Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; nor for a less sum than twenty-five dollars. The rule of succession in conferring the Orders of Knighthood shall be as follows: Knight of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, Knight of Malta or Order of St. John's of Jerusalem.
- SEC. 14. Every Commandery shall have a warrant or dispensation from the Grand Commandery, or from one of the first two grand officers; and no Commandery that may hereafter be formed or opened shall be deemed legal without such warrant or dispensation. Any communication is hereby interdicted and forbidden between any Commandery under this jurisdiction or any member thereof, and any Commandery that may be so formed, opened or holden without such warrant or dispensation, or any or either of their members, or any person introduced into such illegal assembly.
- SEC. 15. The annual election for officers in Commanderies within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, shall take place at the stated annual conclave of such Commandery next preceding or on Good Friday in each year, and the officers thus elected must be installed at the same or next stated conclave.
  - SEC. 16. Whenever it shall be deemed necessary to alter or amend

these Statutes, it shall be done in the manner following: The Grand Commandery in session may propose any alterations or amendments, reduce them to form, the consideration of which shall lie over until the next annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, and if then approved by two-thirds of the members present, they shall become a part of these Statutes.

# Subordinate Commanderies.

## ARTICLE IV.

#### OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. A subordinate Commandery consists of:

- 1. The Eminent Commander.
- 2. The Generalissimo.
- 3. The Captain General.
- 4. The Prelate.
- 5. The Senior Warden.
- 6. The Junior Warden.
- 7. The Treasurer.
- 8. The Recorder.
- o. The Standard Bearer.
- 10. The Sword Bearer.
- 11. The Warder.
- 12. As many members as may be found convenient for work and discipline.

Each of the individuals enumerated in this section shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in all proceedings of the subordinate Commanderies.

#### MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. The stated meetings of a subordinate Commandery shall occur at least quarterly, at such time and place as may be specified in the charter, or designated in the by-laws of the Commandery. Special meetings may be called by the Commander at his discretion; but no business shall be done at the called meetings, save that which was specified in the original summons.

## DECISION OF QUESTIONS.

SEC. 3. At every meeting all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer, for the time being, being entitled to one

vote; in case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote. No appeal shall lie to the subordinate Commandery from the decisions of the Commander.

### TERMS OF OFFICE.

SEC. 4. The several officers of a subordinate Commandery shall hold their offices until their successors be duly elected and installed.

## ARTICLE V.

## OF FEES AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORDERS.

SECTION I. No Commandery shall confer the Order of Knighthood for a less sum than twenty-five dollars, nor upon any person who shall not have regularly received the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason.

### PERCENTAGE TO GRAND BODY.

SEC. 2. Each subordinate Commandery shall pay into the funds of this Grand Commandery the sum of two dollars from the fees of each Sir Knight created in their Commandery; likewise seventy-five cents, annually for each of its members, except the Recorder.

## DUTY OF COMMANDER.

SEC. 3. The Commander has it in special charge to see that the by-laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the constitution, rules and edicts of the State Grand Commandery, and of the Grand Encampment of the United States; that accurate records are kept, and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Commandery annually; and that the annual dues are promptly paid. It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Commandery.

## DUTY OF RECORDER.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Recorder of every subordinate Commandery working under this jurisdiction to report annually to the Grand Recorder of this Grand Commandery, up to the first day of May, the roll of his officers and members and the working roll of his Commandery, and to accompany the same with amount of dues, to Grand Commandery. For failure herein, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to knightly discipline.

## DUTY OF PAST COMMANDERS.

SEC. 5. In event of the absence of all the three principal officers of the Commandery, the Past Commanders, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

#### RESTRICTIONS AS TO KNIGHTHOOD AND MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 6. No Commandery in this State shall confer the Order of Knighthood or receive into membership any person who resides in the jurisdiction of any other Commandery, without the consent of the Commandery in whose jurisdiction the candidate resides; and any infringement of this section shall subject the Commandery so offending to pay the whole amount of fees for conferring such degrees to the Commandery whose jurisdiction is thus infringed. A repetition of the above offense will subject the Commandery so offending to knightly discipline.

## JURISDICTION OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

SEC. 7. By jurisdiction of subordinate Commanderies is meant the geographical distance between contiguous Commanderies.

#### SEAL.

SEC. 8. Every Commandery holden under this jurisdiction shall have a seal, with the name and number thereof engraved thereon, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Recorder.

# General Regulations.

## VOW OF OFFICE.

The officers of this Grand Commandery, and of every subordinate Commandery under its jurisdiction, before entering upon the exercise of their respective offices, shall take the following obligation, viz:

I, ——, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan.

## STANDARD.

The great standard of the Order is a white banner of woolen stuff, having in the center a cross patee alisee, which is a Templar Cross, with the outer sides curved inwards, so as to make the eight points more conspicuous; surrounding this the motto, "Non nobis Domine, non nobis, sed nomine tuo da gloriam." On the reverse the title of the Commandery.

#### BEAUSEANT.

The Beauseant, or Battle-Flag. is an oblong square in form, the upper half black and the lower white, described in heraldry as party per fesse sable et argent, and signifying, "White and fair to Christians, but black and terrible to their enemies."

## CROSIER.

A staff five feet long and four inches in circumference, mounted with a Templar Cross within a circle of gilt metal, partially covered with the square and compasses, on either side, of silver.

## TEMPLAR'S BADGE.

A Patriarchal Cross, one inch and three-quarters in length, enameled red, edged with gold, and suspended from the left breast by a red watered ribbon three-fourths of an inch wide.

## Statutes and Regulations to be Adopted by Subordinate Commanderies.

## ARTICLE I.

This Commandery was formed on the ——— day of ——— A. L. 58—; A. O. 7 ———, and is now held in pursuance of a warrant granted by the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan.

## ARTICLE II.

The regular conclave of this Commandery shall be held on the first —— of each month. Special conclaves may be held at such times as the Eminent Commander shall, in his judgment, think proper, or on the written application of five members thereof, stating the object of the meeting. No business can be transacted at a called meeting save that specified in the original summons. At every conclave, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided he shall also give the casting vote. No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from the decision of the Commander.

The hour of meeting shall be ---- o'clock.

## ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Commandery shall consist of:

- 1. Commanger (whose style is Eminent).
- 2. Generalissimo.
- 3. Captain General.
- 4. Prelate.
- 5. Senior Warden.
- 6. Junior Warden.

- 7. Treasurer.
- 8. Recorder.
- 9. Standard Bearer.
- 10. Sword Bearer.
- 11. Warder.
- 12. Sentinel.

All of whom shall be elected by ballot at the stated conclave next preceding or on good Friday in each year. That no member shall be eligible to hold office, or vote at an election, unless all arrearages for dues are first paid.

## ARTICLE IV.

There shall be a Standing Committee, consisting of three members of this Commandery, of which the Eminent Commander shall be Chairman; to be chosen by nomination and show of hands at the annual election, and to serve for one year; whose duty it shall be strictly to investigate and report on the character of candidates proposed, either for the Orders of Knighthood or for membership; to audit all bills and accounts, and, if found correct, pass them for payment; to examine the books of the Treasurer and Recorder, and report thereon, together with the state of the funds of this Commandery, at the stated conclave next preceding or on Good Friday in each year. A majority of such committee shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

## ARTICLE V.

- I. The Eminent Commander has it in special charge to see that these by-laws are duly observed, as well as the statutes, edicts and regulations of the Grand Commandery, and its executive officers, and the constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States; that accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered; that regular returns are made to the Grand Commandery annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid.
- 2. In his absence the Generalissimo and Captain General will severally assume his duties and prerogatives, and in the event of the absence of all three, the Past Commanders, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.
- 3. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected by the Recorder, keep a just and true account thereof, pay none out but on an order passed by the Commandery, signed by the Eminent Commander and Recorder; and report quarterly, or oftener if required, the amount of funds in his hands.
- 4. It shall be the duty of the Recorder to keep a fair record of all regular proceedings of the Commandery; to receive all moneys due the same, pay them over to the Treasurer and take his receipt therefor; to issue notices for all regular and emergent conclaves, and to do all things appertaining to

his office; for the satisfactory discharge of which he shall receive ——— dollars per annum.

- The duties of the remaining officers shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their several stations, or may be assigned them by the Commandery.

  ARTICLE VI.
- 1. None shall be admitted as candidates for the Orders of Knighthood in this Commandery but those who are regular Royal Arch Masons, agreeably to the constitution of the Grand Encampment and General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the statutes of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan; of good moral character and standing in the Lodge and Chapter to which they have heretofore or do now belong; shall have been regularly proposed and favorably reported on by the Standing Committee, and unanimously accepted by the Sir Knights present at the time of balloting.
- 2. No person shall receive the Order of Knighthood in this Commandery for a less sum than twenty-five dollars, ten of which shall be paid on admission, and the further sum of fifteen dollars before he can receive the Order of Knight Templar; and none shall be admitted as affiliated members for a less sum than five dollars; the affiliation fee, in all cases, to be paid before the reception of the candidate.
- 3. No application for the Orders can be acted on until the next stated conclave after the application is presented, except in cases of emergency, when this regulation may for the time being be dispensed with by a unanimous vote of all present, after general notice being given.
- 4. No Sir Knight shall be allowed to affiliate with this Commandery unless he produces satisfactory evidence that he honorably withdrew from the Commandery to which he last belonged.
- 5. No Sir Knight withdrawing from this Commandery can again rejoin it, unless he be again proposed and balloted for; and if admitted, he shall be subject to the usual adjoining fee.
- 6. No Sir Knight shall be expelled from the Commandery, nor suspended from membership therein (except for non-payment of dues), unless on charges duly specifying his offense, presented by a Sir Knight in good standing; the accused being allowed full opportunity to make his defense.

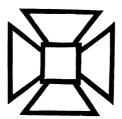


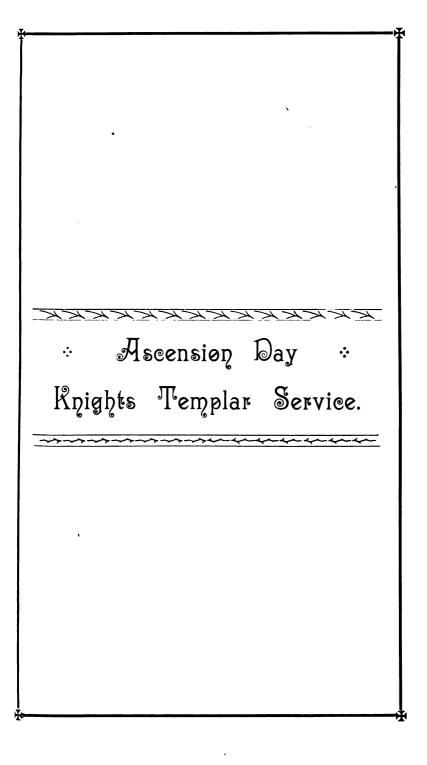
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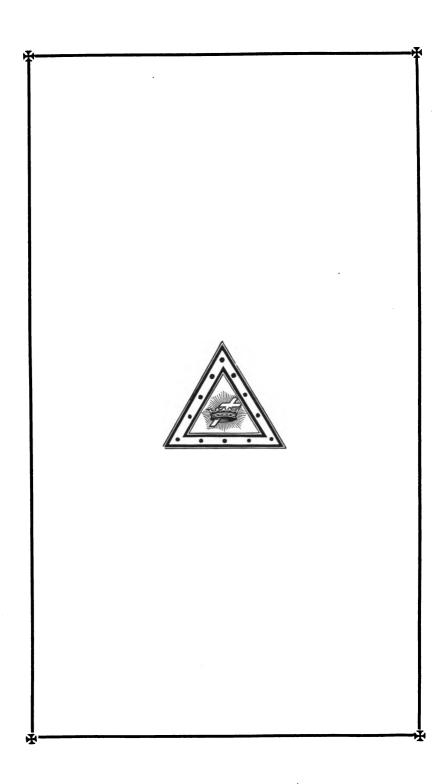
The yearly dues shall be one dollar, payable annually. Any member neglecting to pay his dues for one year, the Commandery, after giving him due notice, may forfeit his membership.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The uniform of this Commandery shall be that adopted by the Grand Commandery of this State, and appended to its statutes and regulations.







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## ASCENSION DAY TEMPLAR SERVICE

HE Procession will enter the church in the following order:

- I. Cross Bearer.
- II. Sir Knights by twos, with Banner.
- III. Standard Bearer with Beausant.
- Officers of the Commandery.
- V. Officiating Clergy.

¶The following hymn will be sung as the Sir Knights enter the church, asylum or other suitable place.

(Sir Knights will enter uncovered, and after the clergy have passed through the lines, will take their position in the pews, at a signal from the Captain General, and remain standing, at uncover.)

## ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS.

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before; Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the foe; Forward, into battle, See, his banners, go.

CHORUS—Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus, Going on before.

Like a mighty army,
Moves the church of God,
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope, in doctrine,
One in charity.

### CHORUS-Onward, Christian soldiers, etc.

Onward, then ye people,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices,
In the triumph song;
Glory, laud and honor,
Unto Christ the King,
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing.
CHORUS—Onward, Christian soldiers, etc.
¶ Sir Knights still standing.

PRELATE—The Lord is in His Holy Temple!

THE KNIGHTS (responding)—Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Prelate—From the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same.

KNIGHTS-My Name shall be great among the Gentiles.

PRELATE—And in every place incense shall be offered unto My Name, and a pure offering.

KNIGHTS—For My Name shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of Hosts.

Prelate—Break forth unto joy, sing together, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem.

KNIGHTS-For the Lord hath comforted His people; He hath redeemed Jerusalem.

PRELATE-Christ is risen and gone up on High.

KNIGHTS—The Lord is risen indeed, and ever liveth to make intercession for us.

PRELATE—Blessing and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Himthat sitteth upon the throne;

KNIGHTS-And unto the Lamb forever.

EMINENT COMMANDER—Sir Knights, to your devotions, kneel.

¶ Then kneeling, will be said by all—
(Chapeau held on right shoulder.)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who-trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then the Prelate shall say:

O Lord, open Thou our lips.

KNIGHTS-And our mouths shall show forth Thy praise.

EMINENT COMMANDER-Arise, Sir Knights.

(Before rising, the Sir Knights will deposit chapeau.)

¶ Here all standing up-

PRELATE—Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

KNIGHTS—As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRELATE-Praise ye the Lord.

KNIGHTS-The Lord's Name be praised.

¶ Then will be read responsively, all still standing, the three following Psalms, the Prelate taking one verse, Sir Knights and congregation the next, and so on. The Gloria Patri will be sung at the end of each of the first two, and the Gloria in Excelsis at the end of the last.

## DOMINI EST TERRA.

Psalm xxiv.

- 1. The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is: the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
- 2. For He hath founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods.
- 3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall rise up in His holy place?
- 4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lifted up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.
- 5. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6. This is the generation of them that seek him; even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.
- 7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.
- 8. Who is the King of Glory? It is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord, mighty in battle.
- 9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in.
- 10. Who is the King of Glory? Even the Lord of Hosts; He is the King of Glory.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## OMNES GENTUS, PLAUDITE.

Psalm xlvii.

- 1. O clap your hands together, all ye people; O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
- 2. For the Lord is High, and to be feared; He is the great King upon all the earth.
- 3. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
- 4. He shall choose out an heritage for us, even the worship of Jacob, whom he loved.
- 5. God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

- 6. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our King.
- 7. For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises with understanding.
  - 8. God reigneth over the heathen; God sitteth upon His holy seat.
- 9. The princes of the people are joined unto the people of the God of Abraham; for God, which is very high exalted, doth defend the earth as it were with a shield.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## BENEDIC ANIMA MEA.

Psalm ciii.

- 1. Praise the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, praise His holy name.
  - 2. Praise the Lord, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits.
  - 3. Who forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth all thy infirmities;
- 4. Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness;
- 5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
- The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment, for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
- He showed His ways unto Moses, His works unto the children of Israel.
- The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering, and of great goodness.
  - 9. He will not always be chiding; neither keepeth He His anger forever.
- 10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- II. For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth; so great is His mercy also toward them that fear Him!
- 12. Look how wide also the east is from the west; so far has He set our sins from us!
- 13. Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children, even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.
- 14. For he knoweth whereof we are made; He remembereth that we are but dust.
- 15. The days of man are but as grass; for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.
- 16. For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

- 17. But the merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear Him; and His righteousness upon children's children.
- 18. Even upon such as keep His covenant, and think upon His commandments, to do them.
- 19. The Lord hath prepared His seat in Heaven, and His kingdom ruleth over all.
- 20. O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, ye that excel in strength; ye that fulfill His commandments, and hearken unto the voice of His words.
- 21. O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts; ye servants of His that do His pleasure.
- 22. O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all places of His dominion; praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

¶ Sir Knights remain standing.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

Glory be to God on High, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God, the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

¶ Then, all being seated, will be read

## THE FIRST LESSON-II KINGS II; I-12.

¶ Then, all standing, will be sung-

## BONUM EST CONFITERI.

Psalms xcii.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most Highest.

To tell of Thy loving kindness early in the morning, and of Thy truth in the night season.

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy works; and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of Thy hands.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶Then, all being seated, will be read

## THE SECOND LESSON-ST. LUKE XXIV: 44 TO END.

¶ Then, all standing, will be sung-

#### DEUS MISEREATUR.

God be merciful unto us and bless us, and show us the light of His countenance, and be merciful unto us.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise Thee O God; yea, let all the people praise Thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad; for Thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise Thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise Thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, even our own God, shall give us His blessing.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

EMINENT COMMANDER—Attention, Sir Knights! draw swords; present, swords.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

EMINENT COMMANDER—Return swords.

PRELATE- The Lord be with you.

KNIGHTS-And with thy spirit.

¶ Then, all kneeling, he will say:

PRELATE - O Lord, show Thy mercy upon us.

KNIGHTS - And grant us Thy salvation.

PRELATE—O God, make clean our hearts within us;

KNIGHTS-And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

PRELATE-Let us pray.

#### THE PRAYERS.

### ¶ The Collect for Ascension Day.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

## ¶ And after that, the Collects and Prayers following:

#### ¶ A Collect for Peace.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time and rest in quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## ¶ A Collect for Aid against Perils.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, by whose Almighty power we have been preserved this day, by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for the President of the United States, and all in civil authority.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from Thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth, most heartily we beseech Thee with Thy favor to behold and bless Thy servant, The President of the United States, and all others in authority, and so replenish them with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that they may always incline to Thy will and walk in Thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## COMMEMORATION OF OUR ORDER.

PRELATE—We remember, O Lord, and we beseech Thee to remember, all the members of our Order, and all our faithful Brethren and companions wheresoever dispersed throughout the world. Bless them in their lying down and in their rising up, in their going out and in their coming in. Fill Thou their basket and their store. Go with them in their journeyings. Abide with all whom they may leave behind, so that in joy returning, they may find in peace remaining, with a grateful sense of Thy mercies, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

KNIGHTS-We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

PRELATE—We remember, O Lord, and we beseech Thee to remember, all the lawfully constituted bodies of the Order of the Grand Encampment

of the United States, and all our Commanderies, grand and constituent. Bless them with peace, prosperity and piety, and direct them in all their doings with Thy most gracious favor, that in all their works, begun, continued and ended in Thee, they may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

KNIGHTS-We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

PRELATE—We remember, O Lord, and we beseech Thee to remember all the officers of our Order, and especially the Most Eminent Grand Master and officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the Very Eminent Grand Commander and other officers of the Grand Commandery of Michigan, and the Eminent Commander and officers and members of this Commandery here assembled in Thy name and presence. May the words of their mouths, and the meditations of their hearts, and the actions of their lives, be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

KNIGHTS-We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

#### SPECIAL PRAYERS.

#### ¶ A General Thanksgiving.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us and unto all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## ¶ A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

## ¶ 2 Cor., xiii. 14

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all, evermore. Amen.

¶ All Standing.

#### HYMN.

Christian warriors, to the pealing
Of the solemn vesper bell,
Round the tri-form altar kneeling,
Round the tri-form altar kneeling,
Whisper each, Emanuel.

When the watch and ward are over, Guarding the asylum well, Smiles of peace around them hover, Smiles of peace around them hover, At thy name, Emanuel.

When some deed of empire sharing,
Deeds like those traditions tell,
Prompts each Knight to noble daring,
Prompts each Knight to noble daring,
'Tis for thee, Emanuel.

When the storm clouds darkly lower
On our pathway dark and fell,
Knights heroic will not cower,
Knights heroic will not cower,
Cheered by thee, Emanuel.

# The Sermon.

¶ All standing.

## HYMN.

Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies,
Through his eternal Son.

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,

And in His mighty power,

Who in the strength of Jesus trusts,

Is more than conquerer.

Stand then in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.

That having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may behold your victory won,
And stand complete at last.

¶ All kneeling.

#### COLLECT.

O God, the King of Glory, who hast exalted thine only Son, Jesus Christ, with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven; we beseech Thee leave us not comfortless; but send to us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

## BENEDICTION.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

EMINENT COMMANDER—Arise, Sir Knights.
CAPTAIN GENERAL—Re-cover.

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN.

¶ To be sung as the Sir Knights are passing out.

"CORONATION."

All hail the power of Jesus' name: Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye martyrs of our Lord, Who from His altar call; Extol the stem of Jesse's rod, And crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him, the heir of David's Line, Whom David Lord did call; The God incarnate! man divine! And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.

# Ascension Day Memorial Services.

NOTE.—1. Committees shall be appointed by the Commandery, composed of Knights Templar, their wives, mothers, and daughters, and any citizens who will cordidially render their aid in such service.

At the time of such service, said committees shall be stationed at the several graves of Knights Templar near the place where the service is held in the cemetery, and at a signal from the Eminent Commander (by bugle call, or otherwise), shall simultaneously decorate the grave of each Sir Knight with a cross of evergreens, or flowers, and such other floral decorations as the Commandery shall direct.

The graves of Sir Knights remote from the place where the service is held, may be decorated before or after the formal service, but with the same decoration of a cross or flowers.

At the cemetery, the Commandery will halt and form avenue, and at present swords, the officers of the Commandery and clergy will pass through the lines to their places on the platform or stand, when the Commandery may be displayed in the form of a cross or triangle, or may be disposed of as the circumstances will best admit, at the discretion of the officer in command.

EMINENT COMMANDER—Sir Knights: There is one sacred spot upon the earth where the footfalls of our march are unheeded, our trumpets quicken no pulse and incite no fear, the rustling of our banners and the gleam of our swords awaken no emotion—it is the silent city of the dead, where we now stand. Awe rests upon every heart, and the stern warrior's eyes are bedewed with feelings which never shame his manhood. It needs no siege, nor assault, nor beleaguering host to enter its walls. We fear no sortie, and listen for no battle shout. No Warder's challenge greets the ear, nor do we wait a while with patience for permission to enter.

Hither must we all come at last, and the stoutest heart and the manliest form that surrounds me will then be led a captive, without title or rank, in the chains of mortality and the habiliments of slavery to the King of Terrors.

But if we have been faithful to the Captain of our Salvation—true soldiers of the cross; if we have offered suitable gifts at the shrine of our Lord, and bear the signet of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, then may we

claim to be of that princely house, and to be admitted to audience with the Sovereign Master of heaven and earth. Then will we be stripped of the chains of earthly captivity, and clothed in a white garment glistening as the sun, and be seated with princes and rulers, and partake of a libation, not of death and sorrow, but of that wine which is drank forever new in the Father's kingdom above.

We cannot come here without subdued hearts and softened affections. Often, as the challenge comes which takes from our side some loved associate—some cherished companion in arms, and often as the trumpet sounds its wailing notes to summon us to the deathbed, and to the brink of the sepulchre, we cannot contemplate "the last of earth" unmoved. Each successive death-note snaps some fibre which binds us to this lower existence, and makes us pause and reflect on that dark and gloomy chamber where we must all terminate our pilgrimage. Well will it be for our peace, then, if we can wash our hands, not only in token of sincerity, but of every guilty stain, and give honest and satisfactory answers to the questions required.

The sad and solemn scene now before us in this city of the dead stirs up these recollections, with a force and vivid power which we have hitherto unfelt. Those who now slumber in that last, long, unbroken sleep of death, were our brothers. With them have we walked the pilgrimage of life, and kept watch and ward together in its vicissitudes and trials. They are now removed beyond the effect of our praise or censure. That we loved them, our presence here evinces, and we remember them in scenes to which the world was not witness, and where the better feelings of humanity were exhibited without disguise. That they had faults and foibles is but to repeat what their mortality demonstrates—that they had a human nature, not divine. Over those errors, whatever they may have been, we cast, while living, the mantle of charity; it should, with much more reason, enshroud them in death. We who have been taught to extend the point of charity, even to a foe, when fallen, cannot be severe or merciless toward loved fratres...

The memory of the virtues of our fallen fratres lingers in our remembrance, and reflects its shining lustre beyond the portals of the tomb. The earthern vase which has contained precious odors, will lose none of its fragrance though the clay be broken and shattered. So be it with our fratres memory.

 $\P$  The Senior Warden then presents a cross to the Prelate, who, holding it up, shall say:

PRELATE—This symbol of faith—the Christian's hope and the Christian's trust—we again place upon the breasts of our brothers, there to remain till the last trumpet shall sound, and earth and sea shall yield up their dead. Though it may, in the past history of our race, have been preverted at times into an ensign of oppression, and crime, and wrong; though it may have

been the emblem of fraud, and superstition, and moral darkness, yet its significance still remains as the badge of a Christian warrior. It calls to mind Gethsemane and its sorrowful garden; the judgment hall of Pilate, and the pitiless crown of thorns; Golgotha and Calvary, and their untold agonies, that man might live and inherit everlasting life. If an inspired apostle was not ashamed of the cross, neither should we be; if he gloried in the significance of the truths it shadowed forth, so ought we to rejoice in it as the speaking witness of our reliance beyond the grave. This hope of the living, we trust, was the anchor to the souls of our departed brethren—the token to admit them to that peaceful haven "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

¶ At the close of this declaration by the Prelate, the Eminent Commander shall give a signal (by bugle call, or otherwise), when the Prelate, at one grave, and the committees stationed at the several graves shall simultaneously place the cross and such other floral decorations as shall have been provided, on the graves of the deceased Sir Knights. This done—

¶ Commandery shall stand with folded arms and bowed heads.

#### DIRGE-BY THE BAND.

PRELATE-The orders of Christian Knighthood were instituted in a dark period of the world's history, but their mission was high and holy. To succor and protect the sorrowing and destitute, the innocent and oppressed, was their vow and life-long labor and duty. For long, long years, they well and nobly performed their vows and did their devoirs. In those rude ages, the steel blade was oftener the arbiter of justice than the judgments of judicial tribunals, or the decrees of magistrates. So long as the Templars adhered to their vows of poverty, they were virtuous and innocent, and their language was, in truth-"Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I unto thee." But, with the accession of wealth and civil power, they were tempted, and fell from their high estate, and their possessions attracted the cupidity, and their prowess incurred the hatred of the despots of those times. When the martyred De Molay had perished, and the Order was prescribed, they united with the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and returned to their primitive simplicity of manners; and a rough habit, coarse diet, and severe duty was all that was offered to their votaries.

In our land we have perpetuated only the distinctive rites with the appellations and regulations of the defenders of the Holy Sepulchre—the early champions and soldiers of the cross—and this as a guerdon of merit, not a badge of rank. The sword, in our hands, is more as a symbol of the duties we are vowed to fulfill, than as an instrument of assault or defence. We claim to exercise practical virtues in the holy bonds of our confraternity, in humble imitation of those renowned knights of the olden time; for there is still, in this refined age, innocence to be guarded, widowed hearts to be

relieved of their burdens, and orphanage to be protected from the chill blasts of a wintry world. And to be true and courteous is not limited to any age or clime.

Sir Knights, let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God! we adore Thee as the Sovereign Ruler of all events, both in time and for eternity. As it hath pleased Thee to take from our ranks those dear to our hearts, we beseech Thee to bless and sanctify unto us all the dispensations of Thy providence. Inspire our hearts with wisdom from on high, that we may glorify Thee in all our ways. May we have Thy divine assistance, O most merciful God! to redeem our misspent time; and in the discharge of the important duties Thou hast assigned us, in our moral warfare here below, may we be guided by faith and humility, courage and constancy, to perform our alloted pilgrimage acceptably in Thy sight, without asking a remission of years from Thee. And when our career on earth is finished, and the sepulchre appointed for all the living receives our mortal bodies, may our souls, disengaged from their cumbrous dust, flourish and bloom in eternal day, and enjoy that rest which Thou hast prepared for Thy good and faithful servants, in Thy blessed asylum of peace beyond the vales of earth All which we ask through the mediation of our Redeemer, King of kings, and Lord of lords, who taught us when we pray, to say:

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen!

RESPONSE-Amen, and Amen, and Amen!

¶ Then will be sung one of the following hymns.

Friend after friend departs.

Who hath not lost a friend?

There is no union here of hearts

'That finds not here an end;

Were this frail world our only rest,
Living or dying, none were blest.

Beyond the flight of time,
Beyond this vale of death,

There surely is some blessed clime

Where life is not a breath,
Nor life's affection transient fire,
Whose sparks fly upward to expire.

There is a world above,

Where parting is unknown;

A whole eternity of love,

Formed for the good alone; And faith beholds the dying here Translated to that happier sphere.

Thus star by star declines,

Till all are passed away,
As morning high and higher shines,

To pure and perfect day!
Nor sink those stars in empty night;
They hide themselves in heaven's own light.

Why should our tears in sorrow flow
When God recalls His own,
And bids them leave a world of woe
For an immortal crown?

Is not e'en death a gain to those
Whose life to God was given?
Gladly to earth their eyes they close,
To open them in heaven.

Their toils are past, their work is done,
And they are fully blest;
They fought the fight, the victory won,
And entered into rest.

Then let our sorrows cease to flow— God has recalled His own; But let our hearts, in every woe, Still say, "Thy will be done."

## THE ADDRESS.

## ¶ Commandery standing.

PRELATE—We spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be four score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

RESPONSE-Teach us. Oh Lord!

PRELATE—For He knoweth our frame. He remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass. As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth; for the wind passeth over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him.

RESPONSE-Show mercy, Oh Lord!

PRELATE—We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinking of an eve, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this incorruptible shall have put on incorruption, and

this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

RESPONSE—O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? PRELATE—The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE—Thanks be to God.

PRELATE—I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me: Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

RESPONSE—Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

EMINENT COMMANDER—Shall the memory of our departed brothers fade from among men?

RESPONSE-It is cherished in our souls forever.

EMINENT COMMANDER—Shall no record be left of their virtues and worth?

RESPONSE—They are inscribed upon our hearts; they are written in our archives. The heart may cease to throb, and the archives may moulder and decay, but the tablets of the Recording Angel on high can never perish.

¶ Then will be sung the following closing hymn.

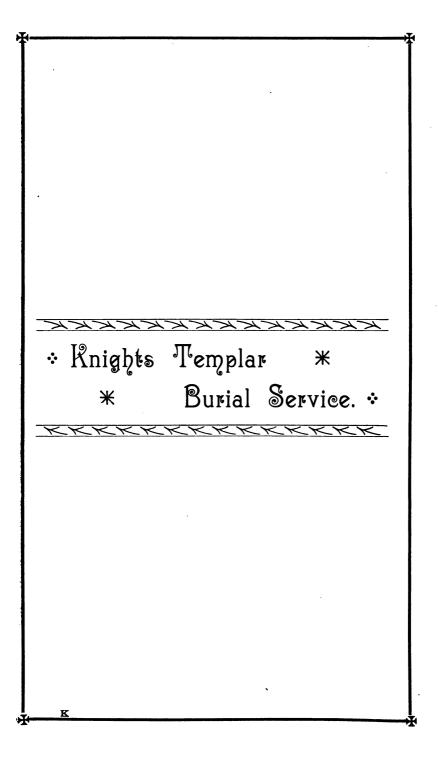
Precious in the sight of heaven
Is the scene where Christians die:
Souls with all their sins forgiven,
To the courts of glory fly:
Every sorrow, every burden,
Every cross they lay it down;
Jesus gives them richest guerdon
In His own immortal crown.

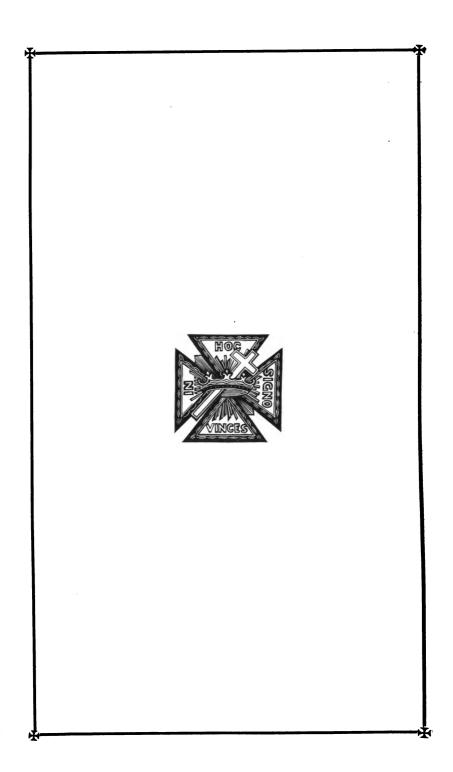
Knights of Christ! your ranks are broken;
Close your front, the foe is nigh!
Shield to shield, behold the token,
As He saw it in the sky.
By this sign, so bright so glorious,
You shall conquer! if you strive;
And like them, though dead, victorious,
In the sight of Jesus live.

## BENEDICTION.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen!

¶ Commandery returns to Asylum.





## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR BURIAL SERVICE

## GENERAL REGULATIONS.

- 1. No Sir Knight can be buried with the funeral honors of Knighthood, unless he be a Knight Templar, in regular standing.
- 2. It shall be the duty of the Eminent Commander to convene the Sir Knights of the Commandery, upon notice of the death of a Sir Knight, who may be entitled to receive funeral honors, upon request, made when living, or by his family after his decease, for the purpose of attending the funeral ceremonies.
- 3. The Sir Knights will assemble at their asylum, and march to the residence of the deceased, in the usual order. On arriving at the house, the Eminent Commander receives the body, placing the hat and sword on the coffin of the deceased Sir Knight; and, if an officer, his jewel, trimmed with crape.
- 4. Sir Knights, on such occasions, will attend in full uniform, pursuant to the regulations; their sword-hilts, and the banner of the Commandery, being suitably dressed in mourning.
- 5. The Eminent Commander will preside during the services, and assisted by the Prelate, lead in the ceremonies, pursuant to the ritual. If grand officers or past grand officers be present, they will be allotted a place in the procession according to their rank. If other Masonic bodies attend, the Commandery will always tender them escort. The Commandery will receive them at a carry, the officers saluting. The Chapter will take position on the left of the Commandery, the Lodge on the left of the Chapter. Masonic bodies are not expected to uncover when passing or being received by a Commandery; the officers in command will only salute, which is all that courtesy requires.

#### FUNERAL ESCORT.

The escort will march to the residence of the deceased with swords at a return or secure; the colors and hilts of swords, draped with crape; drums muffled and beating time; band not playing. The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Prelate, Recorder, and past officers, on the right, the pall-

bearers next. The pall-bearers will be counted off in twos; odd numbers the right arm draped with crape, even numbers the left arm draped. The pall-bearers will carry the chapeau, sword and jewel (if one) of the deceased, and deposit them on the coffin.

The escort will be formed with center opposite the entrance of the residence of the deceased, when the officers and pall-bearers will enter the house and deposit the chapeau, sword and jewel upon the coffin.

When the services at the house are concluded, the remains, preceded by the Eminent Commander and officers, will be carried to the hearse and deposited therein, the pall-bearers taking stations on each side thereof. The remains being deposited in the hearse, the Eminent Commander and officers will resume position on the right of the line.

The band will be at the right of the Commandery, and the hearse opposite to and to the right of the Commandery. Upon the appearance of the remains, the Captain-General will command:

#### Present-Swords,

And the band will play an appropriate air until the remains are deposited in the hearse, when the Captain-General will order:

And form column of threes, sections, or platoons, as he may desire, by commands as follows:

Threes right-MARCH-Forward guide left-Reverse-SWORDS.

The procession will be formed in the following order: 1. Music; 2. Escort; 3.' Hearse and pall-bearers; 4. Clergy; 5. Mourners and friends of family.

On arriving at the grave, the Captain-General will station two Sir Knights at the flanks of the base of the triangle, and one at the apex opposite the head of the grave.

The Senior Warden will march the first division and form between the right guide of the base and apex.

The Adjutant will march the third division and form between the left guide of the base and apex.

The Junior Warden will form the second division between the guides at the base. The colors will take position near and opposite the foot of the grave. The Captain-General will then command:

Inward-FACE. Present-SWORDS,

On the approach of the remains and escort of officers, and after the remains are deposited over the grave:

Carry-Swords. Return-Swords.

The ranks will be opened when desired to admit the remains and mourners within the triangle. During the reading of the service, the Sir Knights will uncover, and at its conclusion the pall-bearers will form the cross of steel at the command of the Captain-General:

Draw swords-Form cross-GUARD,

When the band will play an appropriate air, or a hymn will be sung; at its conclusion, the Captain-General will command:

Carry swords-Return swords.

To form columns of threes, the division commander will order:

First division—Right face—Forward—MARCH.

Second division-Right face-Forward by file left-MARCH.

Third division—Left face—Forward—MARCH.

Second division will close up as quickly as possible, the Color Guard regain their position, and the column will move off the ground, without music, in as silent a manner as possible.

# Ritual.

E. Commander. SIR KNIGHTS: In the solemn rites of our Order we have often been reminded of the great truth, that we were born to die. Mortality has been brought to view, that we might more earnestly seek an immortality beyond this fleeting life, where death can come no more forever. The sad and mournful funeral knell has betokened that another spirit has winged its flight to a new state of existence. An alarm has come to the door of our Asylum, and the messenger was death; and none presumed to say to the awful presence: "Who dares approach?" A pilgrim warrior has been summoned. A burning taper of life in our Commandery has been extinguished, and none, save the High and Holy One, can re-light it. All that remains of our beloved Companion Sir Knight lies mute before us, and the light of the eye, and the breathing of the lips, in their language of fraternal greeting, have ceased for us forever, on this side of the grave. His sword, vowed only to be drawn in the cause of truth, justice and rational liberty, reposes still in its scabbard, and our arms can no more shield him from wrong and oppression.

[If at the grave the Standard Bearer drops the heel of the standard to the ground, and the Captain-General commands return swords.]

It is meet, at such a time, that we should be silent, and let the words of the Infinite and Undying speak, that we may gather consolation from His revelations, and impress upon our minds lessons of wisdom and instruction, and the meetness of preparation for the last great change which must pass upon us all.

Let us be reverently attentive while Sir Knight, our Prelate, reads to us a lesson from the Holy Scriptures.

PRELATE. Help, Lord! for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

RESPONSE. Help us, oh Lord.

PRELATE. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

RESPONSE. Hear us, oh Lord.

PRELATE. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

RESPONSE. Be nigh unto us, oh Lord.

PRELATE. The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants; and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

RESPONSE. Redeem us, oh Lord.

PRELATE. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

RESPONSE. Redeem us, oh Lord.

PRELATE. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for He shall receive me.

RESPONSE. Redeem us, oh Lord.

PRELATE. Wilt Thou show wonders to the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise Thee? Shall Thy loving kindness be declared in the grave? or Thy faithfulness in destruction?

RESPONSE. Save us, oh Lord.

PRELATE. We spend our days as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and, if by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

RESPONSE. Teach us, oh Lord.

PRELATE. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him.

RESPONSE. Show mercy, oh Lord.

PRELATE. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed; in a

moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruption shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

RESPONSE. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

PRELATE. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE. Thanks be to God.

E. COMMANDER. Shall the memory of our departed brother fade from among men?

RESPONSE. It is cherished in our hearts forever.

E. COMMANDER. Shall no record be left of his virtues and worth?

RESPONSE. It is inscribed upon our hearts; it is written in our archives; the heart may cease to throb, and the archives may moulder and decay, but the tablets of the Recording Angel on high can never perish.

[The Recorder here opens the Book of Records of the Commandery, on which a page is set apart, suitably inscribed, and says:]

Thus it is written.

[The Sir Knights uncover, and bow their heads.]

E. COMMANDER. He was a true and courteous knight, and has fallen in life's struggle full knightly with his armor on, prepared for knightly deeds.

PRELATE. Rest to his ashes and peace to his soul!

RESPONSE. Rest to his ashes and peace to his soul!

PRELATE. Sovereign Ruler of the Universe! into Thy hands we devoutly and submissively commit the departed spirit.

RESPONSE. Thy will be done, O God.

[The following Hymn will be sung:]

Precious in the sight of Heaven
Is the scene where Christians die,
Souls with all their sins forgiven
To the courts of glory fly;
Every sorrow, every burden,
Every Cross, they lay it down,
Jesus gives them richest guerdon,
In His own immortal crown.

Here above our brother weeping,
Thro' our tears we seize this hope,
He in Jesus sweetly sleeping,

Shall awake to glory up;
He has borne his Cross in sorrow,
Weary Pilgrim, all forlorn,
When the sun shines bright to-morrow,
'Twill reveal his sparkling crown.

Knights of Christ! your ranks are broken!
Close your front—the foe is nigh.
Shield to Shield, behold the Token,
As he saw it in the sky;
By this sign, so bright, so glorious,
You shall conquer, if you strive;
And like him, though dead, victorious.
In the sight of Jesus live.

[The following prayer will then be made by the Prelate; or an extemporaneous prayer may be made by him, or by any clergyman present, as may be preferred:]

FATHER OF LIGHTS! In this dark and trying hour of calamity and sorrow, we humbly lift our hearts to Thee. Give us, we pray, that light which cometh down from above. Thou hast mercifully said, in Thy holy word, that the bruised reed Thou wouldst not break; remember in mercy, oh Lord, before Thee. Be Thou, at this hour, the father of the fatherless, and the widow's God. Administer to them the consolations which they so sorely need. Cause us to look away from these sad scenes of frail mortality, to the hopes which lie beyond the grave, and bind us yet closer together in the ties of brotherly love and affection. While we see how frail is man, and how uncertain the continuance of our lives upon the earth, and are reminded of our own mortality, lead us, by Thy grace and spirit, to turn our thoughts to those things which make for our everlasting peace; and give us a frame of mind to make a proper improvement of all the admonitions of Thy providence, and fix our thoughts more devotedly on Thee, the only sure refuge in time of need. And at last, when our earthly pilgrimage shall be ended, "when the silver cord shall be loosed, and the golden bowl broken," oh wilt Thou, in that moment of mortal extremity, be indeed Immanuel—Christ with us; may "the lamp of Thy love" dispel the gloom of the dark valley, and we be enabled by the commendations of Thy Son to gain admission into the blessed Asylum above; and, in Thy glorious presence, amidst its ineffable mysteries, enjoy a union with the spirits of the departed, perfect as is the happiness of heaven, and durable as the eternity of God. Amen.

RESPONSE. Amen, and Amen, and Amen.

[The above portion of service may be performed at the house of deceased or at the church, after which the procession will form and march to the place of interment, swords at a reverse.]

The triangle will be formed around the grave, the right of first and third divisions resting at or near head of grave, right of second division at left of first division; Sir Knights will inward face. The pall-bearers, escorted by the officers, will bear the remains to and

deposit them over the grave. Sir Knights will uncover during this part of ceremony, and the following hymn may be sung, or the band will play a dirge; the mourners will be inside the triangle. The pall-bearers will remain on each side the coffin until after cross of steel is formed, which concludes the ceremonies.

The Eminent Commander, and other officers in his staff, will take position at the head of the grave and conduct the services.

Air-"Pleyel's Hymn."

Softly, sadly, bear him forth
To his dark and silent bed;
Weep not that he's lost to earth,
Weep not that his spirit's fled.

By our trials, hope and fear; By our anguish keenly felt; Let us trust God will be near, When we're at his altar knelt,

This, our brother, gone before,
May we in remembrance keep,
Hoping as time passes o'er,
We shall meet where none e'er weep.

Sadly now we leave his form, In the tomb to moulder still; Hoping, in th' eternal morn, Christ His promise will fulfill.

One last look—one parting sigh;
Ah, too sad for words to tell;
Yet tho' tears now dim each eye,
Hope we still, and sigh, farewell!

[On reaching the grave, the Sir Knights will form a triangle around it, the base being at the foot, the E. Commander and Prelate being at the head, and the friends and relatives at the foot, and the service will thus proceed:]

PRELATE. Sir Knights: There is one sacred spot upon the earth where the footfalls of our march are unheeded; our trumpets quicken no pulse, and incite no fear; the rustling of our banners and the gleam of our swords awaken no emotion—it is the silent city of the dead, where we now stand. Awe rests upon every heart, and the stern warrior's eyes are bedewed with feelings which never shame his manhood. It needs no siege, nor assault, nor beleaguering host to enter its walls; we fear no sortie, and listen for no battle-shout. No warder's challenge greets the ear, nor do we wait awhile with patience for permission to enter.

Hither must we all come at last; and the stoutest heart and the manliest form that surrounds me will then be led a captive, without title or rank, in the chains of mortality and the habiliments of slavery, to the King of terrors.

But if he has been faithful to the Captain of his salvation, a true soldier of the Cross; if he has offered suitable gifts at the shrine of his departed Lord,

and bears the signet of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, then may he claim to be of that princely house, and to be admitted to audience with the Sovereign Master of Heaven and Earth. Then will he be stripped of the chains of earthly captivity, and clothed in a white garment, glistening as the sun, and be seated with princes and rulers, and partake of a libation, not of death and sorrow, but of that wine which is drank forever new in the Father's kingdom above.

We cannot come here without subdued hearts and softened affections. Often as the challenge comes which takes from our side some loved associate, some cherished companion in arms, and often as the trumpet sounds its wailing notes to summon us to the death-bed, and the brink of the sepulchre, we cannot contemplate "the last of earth" unmoved. Each successive death-note snaps some fibre which binds us to this lower existence, and makes us pause and reflect upon that dark and gloomy chamber where we must all terminate our pilgrimage. Well will it be for our peace then, if we can wash our hands, not only in token of sincerity, but of every guilty stain, and give honest and satisfactory answers to the questions required.

The sad and solemn scene now before us stirs up these recollections with a force and vivid power which we have hitherto unfelt. He who now slumbers in that last, long, unbroken sleep of death, was our brother. With him have we walked the pilgrimage of life, and kept ward and watch together in its vicissitudes and trials. He is now removed beyond the effect of our praise or censure. That we loved him, our presence here evinces, and we remember him in scenes to which the world was not witness, and where the better feelings of humanity were exhibited without disguise. That he had faults, demonstrates that he had a human nature. Over these errors, whatever they may have been, we cast, while living, the mantle of charity; it should, with much more reason, enshroud him in death. We, who have been taught to extend the point of charity, even to a foe, when fallen, cannot be severe or merciless toward a loved brother.

The memory of his virtues lingers in our remembrance, and reflects its shining lustre beyond the portals of the tomb. The earthen vase which has contained precious odors will lose none of its fragrance, though the clay be broken and shattered. So be it with our brother's memory.

[The Junior Warden then removes the sword and hat from the coffin, which last will then be lowered into the grave, while the Prelate relates as follows:]

PRELATE. "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die." To the earth we commit the mortal remains of our deceased brother, as we have already commended his soul to his Creator, with humble submission to Divine Providence. (Here cast some earth on the coffin.) Earth to earth; (here cast again) ashes to ashes; (here

cast more earth) dust to dust; till the morn of the resurrection, when like our arisen and ascended Redeemer, he will break the bonds of death, and abide the judgment of the great day. Till then, friend, brother, Sir Knight, farewell! Light be the ashes upon thee, and "may the sunshine of Heaven beam bright upon thy waking."

RESPONSE. Amen, and Amen, and Amen.

[The Junior Warden then presents the sword to the E Commander, who says:]

E. COMMANDER. Our departed brother Sir Knight was taught, while living, that this sword in his hands, as a true and courteous Knight, was endowed with three most estimable qualities: its hilt with fortitude undaunted; its blade with justice impartial; and its point with mercy unrestrained. To this lesson, with its deep emblematical significance, we trust he gave wise heed. He could never grasp it without being reminded of the lively significance of the attributes it inculcated. He has borne the pangs of dissolving nature—may we trust that it was with the same fortitude that he sustained the trials of this passing existence; to his name and memory be justice done, as we hope to receive the like meed ourselves; and may that mercy, unrestrained, which is the glorious attribute of the Son of God, interpose in his behalf to blunt the sword of Divine Justice, and admit him to the blessed companionship of saints and angels in the realms of light and life.

RESPONSE. Amen, and Amen, and Amen.

[The Senior Warden then presents a Cross to the Prelate, who says:]

PRELATE. This symbol of faith—the Christian's hope and the Christian's faith—we again place upon the breast of our brother, there to remain till the last trumpet shall sound, and earth and sea yield up their dead. Though it may, in the past history of our race, have been perverted at times, into an ensign of oppression, and crime, and wrong; though it may have been made the emblem of fraud and superstition, and moral darkness, yet its significance still remains as the badge of the Christian warrior. It calls to mind Gethsemane and its sorrowful garden; the judgment hall of Pilate, and the pitiless crown of thorns; Golgotha and Calvary, and their untold agonies, that fallen man might live and inherit everlasting life. If an inspired apostle was not ashamed of the Cross, neither should we be; if he gloried in the significance of the truths it shadowed forth, so ought we to rejoice in it as the speaking witness of our reliance beyond the grave. May this hope of the living have been the anchor to the soul of our departed brother—the token to admit him to that peaceful haven "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest."

RESPONSE. Amen, and Amen, and Amen.

[The Prelate then casts the Cross into the Grave.

E. COMMANDER. The orders of the Christian Knighthood were insti-

tuted in a dark period of the world's history, but their mission was high and holy. To succor and protect the sorrowing and destitute, the innocent and oppressed, was their vow and their life-long labor and duty. For long, long years they well and nobly performed their vows and did their devoirs. In those rude ages the steel blade was oftener the arbiter of justice than the judgments of judicial tribunals or the decrees of magistrates. To long as the Templars adhered to their vows of poverty, they were virtuous and innocent, and their language was, in truth, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I unto thee." But, with the accession of wealth and civil power they were tempted, and fell from their high estate, and their possessions attracted the cupidity, and their prowess incurred the hatred of the despots of those times. When the martyred De Molay had perished, and the order was proscribed, they united with the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and returned to their primitive simplicity of manners, and a rough habit, coarse diet, and severe duty, was all that was offered to their votaries.

In our land, we have perpetuated only the distinctive rights, with the appellations and regulations of the defenders of the Holy Sephulcre—the early champions and soldiers of the Cross—and this as a guerdon of merit, not a badge of rank. The sword in our hands is more as a symbol of the duties we are vowed to fulfill than as an instrument of assault or defense. We claim to exercise practical virtues in the holy bonds of our confraternity, in humble imitation of those renowned knights of the olden time; for there is still in this refined age innocence to be guarded, widowed hearts to be relieved of their burdens, and orphanage to be protected from the chill blasts of a wintry world. And to be true and courteous is not limited to any age or clime.

Our brother, whose cold and lifeless remains have just been committed to the earth, was one of our fraternal band, bound by the same ties and pledged to the same duties. To his bereaved and mourning friends and relatives we have but little worldly consolation to offer, but we do tender to them our heartfelt sympathies. And if the solemn and interesting ceremonies in which we have been engaged have not pointed them to a higher hope and a better consolation, then all our condolence would be in vain.

Sir Knight Companions, let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God! we adore Thee as the Sovereign Ruler of all events, both in time and for eternity. As it hath pleased Thee to take from our ranks one dear to our hearts, we beseech Thee to bless and sanctify unto us this dispensation of Thy providence. Inspire our hearts with wisdom from on high, that we may glorify Thee in all our ways. May we have Thy divine assistance, oh most merciful God, to redeem our misspent time; and in the discharge of the important duties Thou hast assigned us in our moral welfare here below, may we be guided by faith and humility, courage and

constancy, to perform our allotted pilgrimage acceptable in Thy sight, without asking a remission of years from Thee. And when our career on earth is finished, and the sepulchre appointed for all the living receives our mortal bodies, may our souls, disengaged from their cumbrous dust, flourish and bloom in eternal day, and enjoy that rest which Thou hast prepared for Thy good and faithful servants in Thy Blessed Asylum of peace beyond the vales of earth. All which we ask through the mediation of our Redeemer, King of kings, and Lord of lords.

[The Lord's Prayer may be used instead.]

RESPONSE. Amen, and Amen, and Amen.

E. COMMANDER. Attention, Sir Knights!

[Captain General will command the pall-bearers.]

Form arch of steel—Draw swords—Form cross—Guard.

The Guard will remain in this position until the hymn is sung, or band play a dirge, after which the Captain General will command:

Recover swords—Return swords—Form column.

First division, right face.

Second division, right face, forward by file left.

Third division, left face, forward by file left-MARCH,

Closing in position between first and third divisions, when the column will move from the ground without music.

#### Air-" Mount Vernon."

Christian warriors, at the pealing Of the solemn vesper bell, Round the tri-form altar kneeling, Whisper, each, "IMMANUEL!"

When the watch and ward are over, Guarding the Asylum well, Smiles of peace around them hover, At thy name, IMMANUEL!

When the matin-notes are ringing, Cheerfully from mount and dell, Strength for warfare still is springing From thy name, IMMANUEL!

When some deed of emprise sharing,
Deed like those traditions tell,
Prompts each Knight to noble daring—
'Tis for thee, IMMANUEL!

When the storm-clouds darkly lower On our pathway dark and fell, Knight heroic will not cower, Cheered by thee, IMMANUEL! When death's fearful damps are stealing, And is breathed the last "Farewell!" All the brighter world revealing, Thou shalt come, IMMANUEL!

[The Sir Knights may then escort the friends of the deceased to their home, or return to their Asylum, as may be expedient.]

#### DIRGE.

Angels! roll the rock away! Death yield up thy mighty prey! See! He rises from the tomb, Rises with immortal bloom.

"Tis the Saviour—Seraphs raise Your triumphant shouts of praise; Let the earth's remotest bound Hear the joy-inspiring sound.

Lift, ye saints—lift up your eyes, Now to glory see Him rise; Hosts of angels on the road, Hail and sing th' incarnate God.

Heaven unfolds its portals wide, Gracious conquerer, through them ride, King of glory, mount Thy throne, Boundless empire is Thine own.

Praise Him, all ye heavenly choirs, Praise and sweep your golden lyres; Praise Him in the noblest songs, Praise Him with ten thousand tongues.

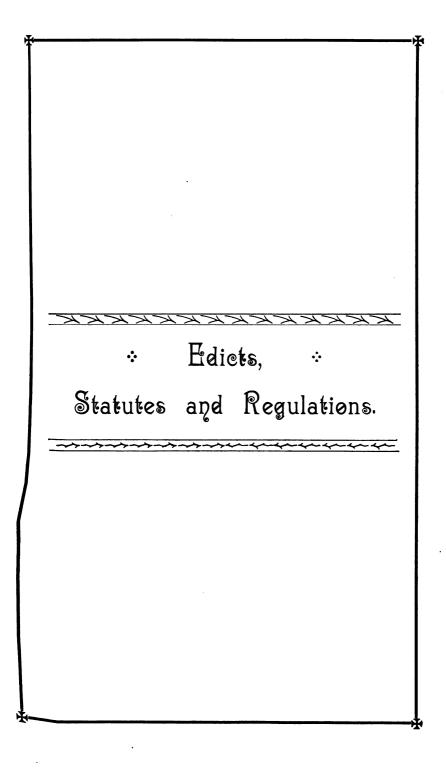
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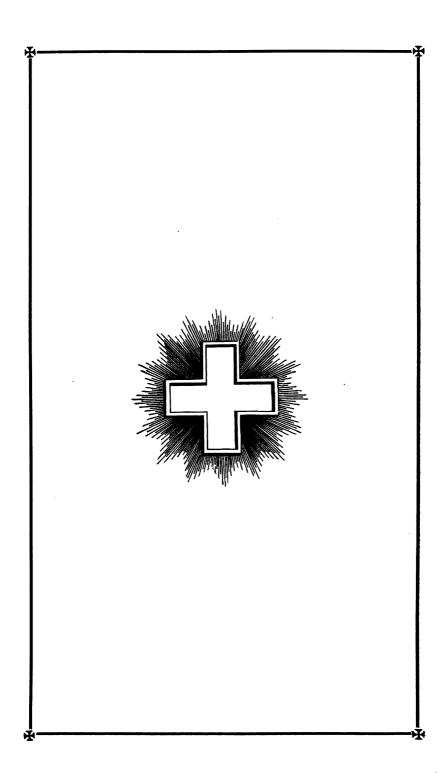
#### Music-" Sweet Home."

Farewell, till again we shall welcome the time
Which brings us once more to our fame-cherished shrine;
And though from each other we distant may roam,
And again may all meet in this our dear lov'd home.
Home, home—sweet, sweet home.

May every dear brother find joy and peace at home.
And when our last parting on earth shall draw nigh,
And we shall be called to the Grand Lodge on high,
May each be prepared when the summons shall come,
To meet the Grand Master in Heaven our home.

Home, home—sweet, sweet home, May every dear brother find Heaven a home.





### EDICTS, STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

-OF THE-

## GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE-

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN.

- 1. That the granting of a charter by the Grand Commandery is legal notice to all subordinate Commanderies within this grand jurisdiction, and each subordinate Commandery is presumed to know and is bound to take notice of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery, whether they have received the printed proceedings or not. (Proceedings 1868, page 8.)
- 2. Resolved, That no subordidate Commandery within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery shall confer the Order of the Temple upon any candidate until such candidate shall procure or deposit with the Recorder the means to procure the proper uniform of the Order, the amount of such deposit to be regulated by the order of the several subordinate Commanderies. (Proceedings 1870, pages 12 and 21.)
- 3. Resolved, That no Sir Knight within the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall loan, give or hire the use of the uniform of any of the Orders of Masonic Knighthood, or any portion of such uniform, to any person whomsoever, except it be to a Sir Knight in good standing and membership; and then only to be used in a lawful conclave or assemblage of Sir Knights of the Order. (Proceedings 1872, page 98.)
- 4. Resolved, That it is advisable, and for the best interests of Templar Masonry, that hereafter no dispensation be issued or granted to create or form a new Commandery within the distance of twenty-five miles of any Commandery now in existence, except in villages or cities having a population of not less than twenty thousand inhabitants. (Proceedings 1870, page 14; also proceedings 1871, page 17.)
- 5. Resolved, That it is advisable, and for the best interests of Templar Masonry, that no dispensation be granted to form a second Commandery in

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any city containing a population of less than fifty thousand inhabitants. (Proceedings 1870, page 18.)

6. Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Commandery that Recorders of subordinates are not liable under the statutes and regulations to pay dues. (Proceedings 1871, page 16.)

#### HONORARY MEMBERS.

7. Resolved unanimously, That, in consideration of the long and eminently valuable services rendered to this Grand Commandery, Sir Knight OLIVER BOURKE, our Past Grand Recorder, and Sir Knight WILLIAM BARCLAY, our Past Grand Treasurer, to whom is largely due the present prosperous condition of this Grand Body, in marked contrast with the empty state of its exchequer when they were elected; therefore, to mark the appreciation of this Grand Body,

Resolved, That Sir Knights OLIVER BOURKE and WILLIAM BARCLAY be and are hereby elected honorary life members of the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan. (Proceedings 1871, page 24.)

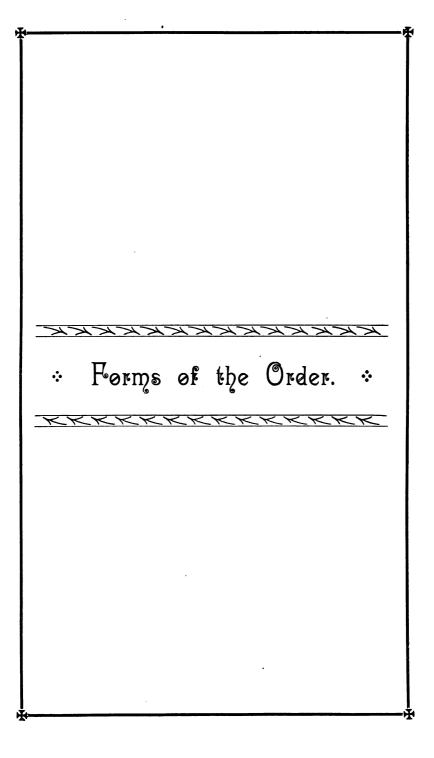
- 8. Resolved, That no Sir Knight who shall be elected to office in this Grand Commandery, or in any other Commandery under its jurisdiction, shall enter upon the duties of his office until he shall have personally taken the obligations of office required by section 2, of article 4, of the Grand Encampment of the United States and by the statutes and regulations of this Grand Commandery. (Proceedings 1872, page 98.)
- 9. Resolved, That the Orders of Masonic Knighthood shall not be conferred by any Commandery upon any candidate after the lapse of six months from the date of the election of the candidate; Provided, that, for good reasons appearing, the Commandery within which such election was held may extend the time not more than one year from the date of such election by resolution adopted previous to the expiration of the said term of six months. (Proceedings 1872, page 98.)
- 10. Resolved, That a petition presented to a Commandery for the Orders of Knighthood should not be withdrawn after having been referred to a committee and reported thereon. (Proceedings 1872, page 100.)
- II. Resolved, That, in future, all subordinate Commanderies be required to include in their annual returns the names of all members restored from suspension on account non-payment of dues, and in all such cases such subordinate Commandery shall, at the same time, account for and pay over to the Grand Commandery the proper Grand (Commandery) dues to the date of such last return. (Proceedings 1876, page 119.)
  - 12. Resolved, That all subordinate Commanderies within the jurisdic-

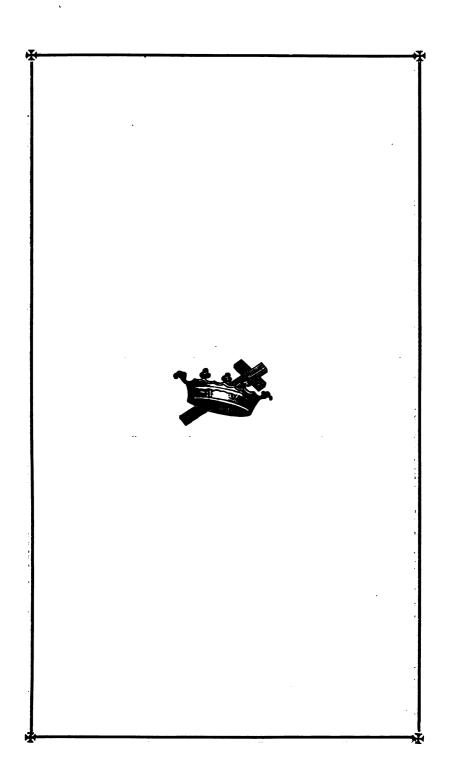
tion be required to conform to the edicts of the General Grand Encampment, and hold but one regular session in each month. (Proceedings 1877, page 185.)

- 13. Ordered, That the use of intoxicating liquors at, or about, or in any way in connection with any banquet given or participated in by any Commandery or parts thereof is prohibited. That the keeping, or having or use, of intoxicating liquors at headquarters of any Commandery, at its station or on a pilgrimage, is prohibited. (Proceedings 1877, page 193.)
- 14. An unaffiliated Knight Templar is not entitled, as a matter of right, to the honors of Knightly burial; still the Commandery within whose jurisdiction an unaffiliated Sir Knight dies may, upon a proper request, render the last earthly honors to a deceased Knight; or a Commandery, in such a case, may, upon request of a Lodge, act as escort to a Lodge, when about to bury a deceased brother. (Proceedings 1878, page 17.)
- 15. No subordinate Commandery within this jurisdiction can act upon the petition of a Companion for the Orders of Knighthood, who is a resident of another grand jurisdiction, without the consent of the Grand Commander and subordinate Commandery within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resides; nor can a subordinate Commandery of this jurisdiction waive the jurisdiction of its material in favor of a subordinate Commandery of a sister jurisdiction, without the consent of the Grand Commander. (Proceedings 1878, page 17.)
- 16. Under article 33, of the Code of the Grand Encampment, an objection to conferring the Orders applies only to a Companion who has not received the Order of Red Cross Knight; after that has been conferred, an objection will not stop his advancement, unless made in writing, so that the Knight may be heard in his defence, and a decision had thereon by the Commandery. (Proceedings 1878, page 18.)
- 17. A Sir Knight is entitled, as a matter of right, to a dimit from his Commandery; Provided he is clear of the books, and not under charges; his dimit makes him an unaffiliated Knight Templar only, as he still remains bound by the obligations which he has assumed and taken, and subject to Knightly discipline by the Commandery in whose jurisdiction he may reside. (Proceedings 1878, page 18.)
- 18. All voluntary unaffiliated Knights Templar, residing within this grand jurisdiction for twelve months, are hereby excluded from the asylums and all processions and gathering of the Order. (Proceedings 1878, page 18.)
- 19. Subordinate Commanderies cannot become incorporated under the laws of this State. If such action was sanctioned the subordinates would

have a legal existence independent of this Grand Body, which cannot be permitted. (Proceedings 1878, page 18.)

- 20. Resolved, That the Robinson Tactics, as exemplified by Detroit Commandery, No. 1, before this Grand Body, be adopted. (Proceedings 1878, page 38.)
- 21. Ordered, That the Grand Recorder compile from the returns the names of all Sir Knights who have died in this jurisdiction within the past year, and print the same in the Grand Commandery proceedings, in a suitable memorial page or pages. (Proceedings 1878, page 21.)
- 22. The failure of a Commandery to meet at its regular conclave, would not govern the report of the committee on trials, unless by some special action of the Commandery in reference to it. The committee, after its appointment, proceeds to investigate the charges, and when the investigation is completed, can report the result to the Commandery when in regular session. (Proceedings 1881, page 18.)
- 23. A Commandery cannot turn out to bury a deceased Sir Knight who died while under suspension from his Lodge for non-payment of dues. (Proceedings 1882, page 14.)
- 24. A Red Cross Knight should be required to make a new application to receive the Order of the Temple, where more than one year has elapsed since the Order of Red Cross was conferred upon him, unless objection to his advancement had been made to the Commandery. (Proceedings 1882, page 14.)
- 25. A Commandery has no right to withhold a dimit from a Sir Knight who is clear of the books. (Proceedings 1882, page 14.)
- 26. A Sir Knight can dimit from his Commandery and affiliate with another without change of residence. (Proceedings 1883, page 18.)
- 27. A Companion removed from one jurisdiction to another, but before gaining residence in the territory of the new Commandery, he sends his petition to the Commandery where he formerly resided. Under such circumstances the Commandery receiving the petition cannot act upon the same without the consent of the Commandery into whose jurisdiction he has removed. (Proceedings, 1887, page 20.)
- 28. A Commandery having adopted a by-law fixing the regular preceding Good Friday as the time for electing officers, cannot hold their election on Good Friday. (Proceedings 1887, page 20.)





# FORMS OF

# Certificate of Election, Petition for the Orders, DIMIT, COMPLAINT AND APPEAL, ETC.

FORM	OF	CERTIFICATI	OF.	ELECTION.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR PROXY.  To the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:  This is to Certify, That in consideration of the confidence we repose in the courtesy and magnanimity of our valiant Sir Knight — — , we have nominated and appointed, and by these presents do nominate and appoint the said Sir Knight — — , to be the proxy for — Commandery, No. — , in the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan, and then and there to represent us and to do every act and thing agreeably to the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, as fully and completely as the officers of our Commandery could do were they personally present.  WITNESS the hands of our E. Commander and Recorder, and the Seal of — Commandery, this — day of — , A. D. 18—, [L. S.] and of the Order. — — , E. Commander. — — , Recorder.	BE IT KNOWN, That on the —— day of ——, 18—, at a regular meeting of —— Commandery, No. —, held in the —— of ——, county of ——, and State of Michigan, the following named Sir Knights were duly elected and installed officers of the same for the ensuing year, viz:  Sir Knight —— , E. Commander.  Sir Knight —— , Generalissimo.  Sir Knight —— , Captain General.  IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We, the members of said Commandery, have caused the seal thereof to be hereunto affixed and our [L. s.] —— Recorder to sign the same. —— ——, Recorder.				
To the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan:  This is to Certify, That in consideration of the confidence we repose in the courtesy and magnanimity of our valiant Sir Knight ———, we have nominated and appointed, and by these presents do nominate and appoint the said Sir Knight ———, to be the proxy for ——— Commandery, No.—, in the Grand Commandery of the State of Michigan, and then and there to represent us and to do every act and thing agreeably to the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, as fully and completely as the officers of our Commandery could do were they personally present.  WITNESS the hands of our E. Commander and Recorder, and the Seal of ——— Commandery, this ———— day of ———, A. D. 18—, [L. s.] and of the Order.					
THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That in consideration of the confidence we repose in the courtesy and magnanimity of our valiant Sir Knight ————————————————————————————————————	FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR PROXY.				
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#### FORM OF PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Sir Knights of —— Commandery, No. —, Knights Templar, of the City of ——, Michigan:

	I was born on the —— day of ——, A. D. ——, in the ———of———
my	occupation is that of; and my place of residence is
	(Sign your name in full.)
	Presented by Sir Knights, ————

#### FORM OF DIMIT.

#### "In hoc Signo Vinces."

To all Sir Knights of the Illustrious Order of Red Cross, and of the Valiant and Magnanimous Orders of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, to whom these presents may come—GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That Sir Knight ——, whose name appears in the margin of this dimit, is a Knight Templar, was a member of—— Commandery, No. —, in good standing, and free from all charges on the books, and as such we do courteously commend him to the fraternal regard of all valiant and magnanimous Sir Knights wherever dispersed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands, and caused the seal of our Commandery to be affixed, this —— day of [L.s.] ——, in the year of our Lord 18—, and of the Order 7—.

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#### FORMS OF COMPLAINT AND APPEAL, ETC.

The first step to be taken toward a knightly trial of a Sir Knight is, of course, to prefer charges or make a complaint. The important requisites of a complaint are, that it should be brief and yet comprehensive, clearly defining the nature of the offense charged, and accurately specifying the time, place and circumstances of its commission. It may be in this form:

#### COMPLAINT.

To the Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of ——— Commandery No. —:

Sir Knight A. B. is hereby charged with immoral and unknightly conduct:

FIRST SPECIFICATION—That the said A. B., on the —— day of ——, 18——, in the public street, at ———, in the county of ———, was in a state of intoxication, from the use of strong and spirituous liquors in violation of his duty as a Sir Knight, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Order of Knighthood.

SECOND SPECIFICATION—That the said A. B., on the —— day of ——, 18—, at ——— aforesaid, and at various other times and places, in the year 18—, was intoxicated with strong and spirituous liquors, although admonished therefor by the Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of this Commandery; in violation of his duty as a Sir Knight to the great scandal and disgrace of the Order; that it is therefore demanded, that the said A. B., be dealt with therefor according to the law and usage of Masonic Knighthood.

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Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_.

#### COMPLAINT IN ANOTHER FORM.

To the Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of ---- Commandery, No.--:

Sir Knight C. D., is hereby charged with immoral and unknightly conduct:

FIRST SPECIFICATION—That the said C. D., on the ——day of ——, 18—, at ——, in the county of ——, in the presence and hearing of Brother or Sir Knight E. F., and others, spoke and declared of Sir Knight G. H., these words in substance: that the said G. H. was a dishonest man; that he was a knave and a cheat, and that he was a liar, to the great injury of the said G. H., and to the common scandal and disgrace of our Knightly Order.

of the said G. H., and to the common scandal and disgrace of our Knightly Order; and it is therefore hereby demanded that the said C. D. be put upon trial therefor.

L——— S———.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_.

These forms might be indefinitely multiplied; but these will be sufficient to show the manner and importance of specifying time, place and circumstances, constituting the offense.

This charge (that contained in the first form will hereafter be followed) having been presented in open Commandery, and received, the Eminent Commander thereupon appoints a committee of three to hear and try the same, which is entered upon the minutes. The charges need not be entered, but the nature of them should be. It is then the duty of the Recorder immediately to serve upon the accused a copy of the charges, with the following notice annexed:

#### NOTICE OF CHARGES.

P----, Recorder.

Dated ----, 18-.

Should the committee determine, at the time the charges are preferred (and it is recommended that they should, in all cases, if possible) when and where they will meet for trial, the Recorder may add to the above notice, the following:

And that they will meet for that purpose, on the —— inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M., at the Asylum of ——— Commandery, No. —; at or before which time you are required to answer said charges.

In case the accused absent himself, so that the charges cannot be personally served, the copy may be transmitted to him by mail, if his residence be known; if not, after a reasonable time and after diligent inquiry, the Recorder should report the fact to the Commandery for their further action. In all cases the prosecutor or Recorder, should take care that the accused be served with notice of the time and place of meeting of the committee for trial, at the time of service of the charges.

The charges being served, it is the first duty of the accused, if he has any objection to any of the committee, to make his challenge that the Eminent Commander, if satisfied there is ground for it, may supply the vacant place by another appointment. It is recommended, however, that if there be

reasonable objection, or probable cause therefor be manifest, that the member of the committee challenged remove all question by resignation.

The tribunal being properly constituted, it is next the duty of the accused to answer the charges. As this must be in every case equivalent to the well-known plea of "not guilty," it is scarcely necessary to furnish a form; yet for the sake of making up a complete record, in cases of appeal, one is subjoined:

#### ANSWER

C. D., in person, denies the charges made against him, and every matter and thing contained in the several specifications of the same, and demands trial thereon.

Of course this answer will vary according to the facts of each case. One specification may be admitted and another denied. The charge and specifications may be admitted, and matters set up, in extenuation or excuse. Assuming the answer to be a denial, the issue is formed and the parties proceed to trial. To procure the attendance of witnesses on either side, some process may be necessary. If the witness be not a Knight, his attendance, must of course, be voluntary, but a Knight is bound to obey a summons. This may be issued by any Eminent Commander of a Commandery, and in the following form:

#### SUMMONS FOR WITNESS.

#### To Sir Knight I. J .:

Dated ----, 18-. Eminent Commander.

This may be made to answer for several witnesses, by inserting their names, and adding the words, "and each of you," after the word "you." The Sir Knight disobeying such a summons, may be proceeded against, as in case of disobedience to any other summons. For this purpose the person serving it should note upon it when and how it is served.

The committee, having met for trial, should organize; that is to say, one of their number, (and usually the first named) should preside, though they may choose another for that purpose, and another of them should be chosen to act as their clerk, und keep the minutes of their proceedings. A copy of the resolution under which they were appointed, together with their appointment, should be furnished them by the Recorder. They should keep minutes of their proceedings, which may be in this form:

#### MINUTES OF COMMITTEE.

The committee appointed for the trial of A. B., on the charges, a copy of which is hereto annexed, (marked A.,) assembled at the asylum of ——
Commandery, No. —, on ——day evening, the —— day of ——— 18—, pursuant to the following resolution (copy resolution:)

Present: R. S., T. U. and V. W., committee. R. S. officiated as chairman, and V. W. was chosen clerk.

The charges were then read by Sir Knight S. L., Clerk, together with the answer of Sir Knight A. B.

Sir Knight B. requested that P. S., Esq., an attorney and not a Knight, should examine the witnesses on his behalf, and assist him in his defense. The committee decided against the request, but further decided that he might employ the services of any Sir Knight to assist him in defense; to which Sir Knight B. took an exception. He then employed Sir Knight N. O. to assist him as counsel. Sir Knight O. objected to the form of the charges as being vague and uncertain, but the committee decided them to be sufficient; to which Sir Knight O. took an exception.

Sir Knight E. F. was then introduced as a witness, and testified as a Sir Knight as follows: I am acquainted with Brother A. B.; I saw him on——street, in ———, on the ——— day of ———— last; I was on the opposite side of the street; he appeared to be much intoxicated (objection was made to the appearance of accused, but it was overruled, and an exception taken;) he was there for about half an hour; he reeled as he walked, etc.

On cross-examination Sir Knight E. F. further testified: I know that Sir Knight B. had been sick, etc.

The committee then adjourned to meet at the same place on ——day evening, the —— of ——— 18—, at 7 o'clock.

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The committee met pursuant to adjournment. Present—all the committee, and Sir Knight A. B. and his counsel, Sir Knight O.

Sir Knight T. U. officiated as chairman.

Mr. H. C. was then introduced as a witness by ———, and stated as follows:

I was in ---, on the --- day of --- inst., etc.

The proof on the part of the complainant here rested.

Sir Knight O. on behalf of Sir Knight A. B., then produced the affidavit of Mr. J. B., sworn before ———, to which ——— objected, on the ground that Mr. B. should be produced for cross-examination.

The committee sustained the objection on that ground, and Sir Knight O. took an exception.

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Mr. B. was then produced, and ——— then consented that his affidavit might be read, which was read accordingly, and is hereto annexed (marked B.)

---- then cross-examined Mr. B., who stated as follows, etc.:

———DAY, ———, 18——

The committee again met by themselves, and, after consultation, decided upon their report, a copy of which is hereto annexed, together with the testimony and proceedings had before them, and notified the parties thereof.

(Signed by the committee.)

These minutes have been given in this extended form, because they present a convenient way of stating certain facts and proceedings on trial. Thus the statement of formal objections, and the grounds of them, together with the decision thereon of the committee (which should always be stated,) and here set forth; also that the ---- acted as prosecutor; that the employment of an attorney, not being a Sir Knight, was not permitted, but that the accused was permitted to have counsel; that the first witness testified in his character as a Knight Templar, and that the second witness, not being a Knight, made his statement merely, no oath being administered to either; that the testimony is taken down in the words of the witness, and, of course, in the first person as he spoke; that the precise point objected to is stated; that the time and place of each adjournment are noted; that a sworn affidavit was not admitted, because no opportunity was given for cross-examination; and, finally, that the committee met alone and decided upon their report, and then gave notice to the parties; all of which may furnish useful hints to those engaged in such trials, without further comment; it being presumed that the usual forms of such proceedings, and the ordinary rules of evidence, are understood and will be observed. It is at the option of the committee whether they will admit any one to be present but the parties and the witnesses testifying; but on all such occasions none but Knights should be admitted, except the witness not a Knight, and while testifying:

As form of the notice given to the parties by the committee may be desired, it is here given, and may be as follows:

NOTICE OF DECISION.

To Sir Knight S. L. and Sir Knight A. B.:

You will each take notice that we have agreed upon and signed our report, in the matter of charges against Sir Knight A. B., referred to us, by which we have found the charges sustained, and Sir Knight A. B. guilty

thereof, and that the expenses of the proceedings be paid by him; and that we shall present the report to ———— Commandery, No. —, at its stated conclave, on the ——instant.

Dated ——— 18—. (Signed by the committee.)

The trial being concluded, and the report thus agreed upon, the committee will have it drawn up in form for the action of the Commandery. This report need not in the first place, contain anything but the facts found, and the conclusions arrived at thereon by the committee. These conclusions, like those of any other committee, should be in the form of resolutions, for the definite action of the Commandery. Should the Commandery, on the report coming in, desire to hear the testimony read, or any of the decisions stated, it will be the duty of the committee to comply and make full report of the testimony and their proceeding, if required.

The report may be in the following form:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To the Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of ——— Commandery, No. —:

The committee appointed for the trial of Sir Knight A. B., on charges of intoxication, heretofore preferred in this Commandery, respectfully report:

That they met at the asylum of this Commandery, on ———day evening the ———, of last passed, and proceeded to hear and try the matters referred to them.

That objections were presented to Sir Knight T. U., one of their number, which they overruled, and also refused to permit Sir Knight A. B., to appear by counsel, not being a Knight, and thereupon Sir Knight N. O. appeared for him. That objections were made to the charges, which were overruled.

That they proceeded to take testimony, (in the course of which they decided not to admit a sworn affidavit,) and Sir Knight E. F., Mr. H. C., and Mr. J. B., were examined as witnesses.

That they held three meetings, the last of which was for the purpose of agreeing upon and preparing their report.

That from the testimony before them, they find the following facts:

- That Sir Knight A. B. was intoxicated with strong and spirituous liquors, in a public place, at ———, on the ——— day of ———, 18—.
- 2. That Sir Knight A. B. has been at least twice intoxicated in a public place, in ———, aforesaid, within two weeks previous to the said ———day of ———, 18—.

They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions: Resolved, That the charges of intoxication against Sir Knight A. B.,

made and presented to this Commandery on the —— day of ———, 18—, are sustained, and that he is guilty of the said charges.

Resolved, That Sir Knight A. B. be, and he is hereby suspended from this Commandery, and from the rights and privileges of Masonic Knighthood, for the space of three months from this date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R---- S----, T---- U----, V---- W----, Committee.

Dated ----, 18-.

If the resolutions be adopted, the Recorder of the Commandery should transcribe them on his minutes, together with the adjudication as to charges and expenses. The resolutions, however, are subject to the action of the Commandery, who may reverse the decision of the committee; or if sustained, may amend the resolution as to the penalty, by increasing or diminishing it. Should the resolutions be adopted, (and for this purpose a majority vote is sufficient, unless the by-laws provide differently,) and the accused be absent from the Commandery, it is the duty of the Recorder to furnish him immediately with a copy of the resolutions, and of the award as to expenses, with a notice, which may be in this form:

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT.

To Sir Knight A. B.:

P——— Q——. Recorder.

Dated ---, 18-.

Thus have been presented the ordinary proceedings, from complaint to judgment, on a Knightly trial, on charges preferred in a Commandery. Some of them may be found practically unnecessary; but the complaint, minutes and report are deemed important, and should be substantially followed in every case. In all cases, the decision of the Commandery is final, unless an appeal be taken from it to the Grand Commandery. In these cases, a report will be made to the Grand Commandery, and the minutes, with a report of the committee annexed, filed in the office of the Grand Recorder, and notice given to the parties by the Recorder.

#### APPEALS.

The subject of appeals next claims our attention, and we shall still follow the form of proceedings after trial on charges preferred in a Commandery against a member.

Where a party is intending to appeal, it is advisable that he give notice of it immediately, which may be in the following form:

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To P. Q. Recorder of — Commandery, No. —:

Dated ---, 18-.

On receiving this notice, the Recorder of the Commandery will transmit to the Grand Commandery a copy of the minutes of proceedings, embracing the evidence, with a copy of the report to the Grand Commandery, or its committee on appeals when desired. The applicant should next prepare his appeal, which may appear in this form:

#### APPEAT.

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan:

- 1. That T. U., one of the committee on his trial, was incompetent to act, having been present at the meeting of said Commandery, when the charges were preferred, and voted for their reference (or other reasons may be assigned.)
- 2. That the Committee and the Commandery erred in deciding that P. S. Esq., should not be allowed to assist the undersigned in his defense.
  - 3. That the second specification of the charges is vague and uncertain.
- 4. That testimony as to appearances of intoxication was improperly received.
  - 5. That they erred in rejecting the sworn affidavit of J. B.
- 6. That the proofs in the case were not sufficient to warrant the finding of the committee or of the Commandery.

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All of which appears by the papers, proceedings, and evidence in the case, to which reference is hereby made.

Dated——, 18—.

A copy of this appeal should be served on the Recorder of the Commandery, and also a copy on the Grand Recorder. Within ten days an answer should be made to the appeal by the subordinate Commandery. As, in most cases, this is merely taking issue, the form of an answer on appeal may be unnecessary, yet one is subjoined as follows:

#### ANSWER TO APPEAL.

---- Commandery. No. -, answers the appeal of A. B., and says:

That the said Commandery denies that there is any error in the proceedings of said Commandery, or of the committee appointed for the trial of the said A. B.; and furthermore says, that the decision of said Commandery, in said case, is sustained both by the law and evidence therein applicable thereto.

S---- L-----,
Dated ------, 18---.

Recorder

This is very general; and, if a specific denial is deemed necessary—taking issue upon each of the grounds of appeal, and assigning reasons therefor—it may be made after the foregoing form in commencement, and adding thereto as follows:

Because the said Commandery says, as to the first ground of appeal, etc.

And because the said Commandery says, as to the second ground of appeal, etc.

The case being thus fairly brought up on appeal, the Grand Commandery may hear the same, either by oral argument, or the appeal and answer thereto may be made sufficiently full to call attention to all the points in the case, and the reasons therefor. If the Recorder of the Commandery shall have omitted a transcript of the proceeding of the Commandery, and the same be required to make the case perfectly understood, the Grand Commander may make an order in this form:

#### ORDER ON APPEAL.

Office of Grand Commander of Knights Templar, of the State of Michigan, ........, 18-..

To the Eminent Commander, and Sir Knights of — Commandery, No. -:

Sir Knight A. B., having duly appealed from the decision of your Commandery, made on the ———, 18—, suspending him for three months, you

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are hereby required to transmit to the Eminent Grand Recorder by the hand of your Recorder, under seal of your Commandery, a transcript of all the proceedings of your Commandery, in the case of the said A. B., from the time of the presentation of the charges against him, until, and including the final action of your Commandery thereon, with the several dates thereof, together with all papers and documents relating thereto, not heretofore returned, within ———— days from the receipt of this order by you.

Given under my hand and private seal, on the day and year first above written.

Grand Commander.

From the foregoing general forms and directions, sufficient may be gathered to apply to every case of knightly discipline and trial between any parties, and whatever may be the decision. To have extended the forms or adapted those given to every varying charge, would be great labor without adequate benefit, and especially in the great variety of charges. It should be remarked that when the charges are based on a section of the statutes and regulations, or of the Commandery by-laws, it should be plainly and distinctly referred to.

Should the accused admit the charges when served upon him, proof of such admission or confession will be all that the committee are required to have made, and they will make up their minutes and report accordingly, adopting the foregoing forms.

If the accused fails to appear, and answer the charges, after personal service, the committee may proceed, after taking proof of such service to take proof of the charges; and in such case, the Eminent Commander should appoint some Sir Knight to appear for him. The minutes and report in such cases should be full, and the forms can readily be modified to suit such a state of facts.

#### APPEAL TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

In case of appeal to the Grand Encampment, the following form may be substantially adopted:

To the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States:

The undersigned, your petitioner, respectfully represents that on or about the —— day of ———, 18—, charges for immoral and unknightly conduct (stating the general nature of the charges) were preferred against him by Sir Knight S. L., in ——— Commandery, No. —, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Michigan, and such proceedings were thereupon had in the said ——— Commandery; that your petitioner was adjudged by the same Commandery guilty of the offense so charged against him, and was therefore adjudged to (state the

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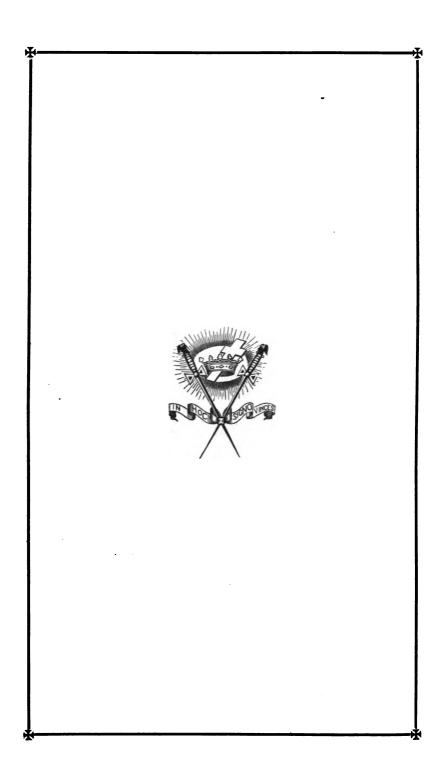
penalty imposed.) That from such determination and sentence or judgment, your petitioner appealed to the said Grand Commandery, and thereupon such proceedings were had in and by said Grand Commandery; that afterward, and on or about the —— day of ————, 18—, the said determination and sentence, or judgment, were in all things affirmed (state the decision in fact given on the appeal) by the said Grand Commandery; and now your petitioner, feeling himself aggrieved by the action and determination of the said Grand Commandery, in the premises, and being advised that the same is erroneous, appeals therefrom to the Grand Encampment of the United States, and specifies, among other grounds of error therein, the following:

First. That, etc., (stating the several errors in, and objections to, the proceedings and determination of the Grand Commandery relied upon separately, and numbering them distinctly.)

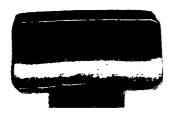
Your petitioner, therefore, prays that the said Grand Commandery may be required to answer this petition; and that the testimony, proceedings, determination and judgment aforesaid, as well of the said ——— Commandery, as of said Grand Commandery, may, upon this appeal, be reviewed, and that such sentence and determination or judgment, may be reversed, modified or amended, as may be agreeable to knightly usage, justice or equity.

Dated, ---, 18-.

This petition of appeal should be delivered to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, and a duplicate thereof delivered to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, which, when done, perfects the appeal. As soon thereafter as practicable, and before the next session of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery should transmit to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, a transcript of all the testimony, papers and proceedings in the case which were before the Grand Commandery, together with its action and final determination therein, all duly authenticated under the seal of the Grand Commandery.







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